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Caltrans' I-80 agreement on the discussion table

Pierce Street ramps slated for elimination

Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — As Caltrans' I-80 reconstruction project creeps toward Albany from north and south, the council Monday got the go-ahead to sign a preliminary agreement with the state transportation agency.

ginning freeway work in Albany, the agreement will specify plans for overall design as well as the timing of lane closures, traffic re-routing, maintaining public safety during construction and other issues of particular concern to the city.

Work on the Albany section of the 17-mile highway project is scheduled to begin in September and be complete in 1996.

After eight years of discussion with Caltrans, the council took up key issues yet to be resolved including where the Bay Trail will traverse the Albany waterfront, if and where soundwalls will be built

and the staging and phasing of reconstruction of the Buchanan Street overpass.

"Controversy has erupted over routing of the Bay Trail in Albany," Planning Director Claudia Cappio told the council. "It's out of our hands."

A longstanding plan to route the Bay Trail, a proposed bike and hiking path ringing San Francisco Bay, near the Hoffman Marsh has been opposed by the Golden Gate Audubon Society, the Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and environmental groups fearing loss of wild bird

habitats.

The design review wing of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the final authority on Bay Trail routes, has hired a marsh habitat expert to study bird impact. They will hold hearings in April and hand down a decision in May.

Although Mayor Bill Cain continues to meet with Caltrans on construction of walls to lessen traffic noise on Pierce Street, he is "not optimistic about the outcome," he said.

In line with a policy of building soundwalls "contingent upon sup-

port from the local community," according to Project Development Chief Judy C. Chen, Caltrans surveyed Pierce Street condominium residents' preference for a wall at the north end of the street, the south end or no walls at all.

With a "relatively low survey response rate" and Caltrans' apparent unwillingness to consider suggested alternatives to the proposed 12- to 15-foot high concrete walls, sound barriers appeared to be slipping off the negotiating table.

As for how Albany drivers are going to get in and out of town

during seismic reconstruction of the Buchanan Street overpass, Public Works Director Ron Lefler continues to meet with Caltrans engineers to hammer out the details of a staging and phasing plan.

Other issues in the freeway agreement include:

- * Permanent closure of the Pierce Street on and off ramps. The Gateview Homeowners' Association opposes the closure which, they say, "landlocks" residents forcing them go through "the narrow confines" of south Pierce to Buchanan

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Dave Greer

The fire department's quick arrival was credited with keeping a car fire from becoming a major conflagration

Investigation into car blaze continues

Dave Greer

ALBANY — A fire of suspicious origin which destroyed two automobiles and damaged a condominium at 1050 Kains Ave. is currently under investigation.

Kevin Simmons, a construction worker who lives directly across the street at 1049 Kains Ave. and was early to go to work, was first to discover the fire about 5 a.m. on March 15.

Kevin heard a loud 'pop' from

across the street and then another one," his grandmother, Frances McAllister stated.

"We looked over and could see a car on fire in the parking area under the building."

Simmons ran across the street and banged on the doors of the four three-bedroom units alerting residents as flames licked up the back of the building and exploded windows on the second floor.

The six inhabitants of the occupied units were evacuated without

injury as fire fighters and police arrived at the scene.

An estimated \$40,000 to \$50,000 damage was done to the building, which is worth over \$500,000, according to Acting Albany Fire Chief Marc McGinn.

The fire is believed to have begun in a 1987 Honda parked at the rear of a carport under the building and spread to a 1988 Acura Integra beside it.

Flames then ignited the plywood ceiling and shot up an outside stair-

well to the third floor, damaging the west side of the building.

Crews of the two engines which responded to the blaze brought it under control very quickly, according to McGinn.

"The men did a great job," he said.

"If they had arrived a couple of minutes later it could have been catastrophic."

The investigation is being conducted by the Albany Fire Department and a San Jose arson insurance investigator.

Kensington chief says fire district strife partly personal

By Dawn Frasier

KENSINGTON — Fire Chief Sam Treese says that personality conflicts influenced conclusions made by a lengthy report on the Kensington Fire Protection District. Signed by the board of directors of the Kensington Property Owners Association and made public in January, the report's conclusions were critical of many of the financial aspects of the district's operation.

The stated reason for the report

was to help KPOA members decide whether or not to support a proposed increase in fire taxes for the district. It included a number of statistics on the district's activity, financing and management, as well as comparisons with other agencies.

The report is available for public review at the Kensington Public Library. It has now been joined by an open letter from Treese challenging its findings. Treese, who is out on sick leave for several weeks and is unavailable for comment, first

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June ballot proposition would up fire services tax

By Dawn Frasier

KENSINGTON — Residents will decide June 8 whether to vote themselves a substantial tax increase for fire protection and prevention. The maximum amount that could be charged to a single family residence would be \$350, up from the current upper limit of \$83.

The two-member Kensington Fire District board voted to put the special tax ordinance on the ballot

'If no alternative funding is in place, we could lose our existence'

—BOB MCCLENDON

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Descendants of early Albany residents recognized

Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Efforts by the Amah-Mutsun Ohlone tribe of the El Cerrito area to gain recognition by the federal government as Native Americans are supported in a resolution adopted by the City Council Monday by a 3 to 1 vote.

Before being taken over by the Ohlone, Ohlone/Costanoan territory extended from the Suisun Strait to Point Sur including the sides of San Francisco Bay, according to Amah Tribal Chair Irene Zwerlein.

"Albany was and is still an important to the aboriginal land to be acknowledged by the Zwerlein said in her request for support. Other Bay Area cities have

responded favorably so far, according to Zwerlein.

"That's like saying that Switzerland is my land because my ancestors lived there," said Councilmember Robert Good, who cast the no vote.

Good also objected to the scope of the resolution which, he said, "supports all other Native American aboriginal groups across the United States."

Indian artifacts discovered on Albany Hill are believed to have been used by the Chochenyo, a so-called "tribe" of the Ohlone/Costanoan tribe.

While "Ohlone" and "Costanoan" are Spanish names applied to the natives, they designate themselves according to the language each tribe spoke.

Although the Ohlone/Costanoan tribe has been declared officially extinct, tribal leaders say cultural

and biological continuity is supported by ethnographic research. Only tribes officially recognized by congress and processed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs can legally call themselves "Native Americans," according to Amah Tribal Band spokesperson Jean-Marie Feyling.

"We only want to be recognized for who we are," Feyling said. "To prove we aren't dead or figments of the imagination. We are the only group in the country who has to show documentation to prove our nationality."

Bay Area tribes advise in handling Indian burials unearthed by developers or gathering dust on museum and university shelves, Feyling said.

Ancestral occupants of uncovered, unmarked graves are put back into the ground, preferably on or near the site, or in an available open

space. Maps of new burial grounds are kept on file at Sonoma State University.

Stanford University recently returned 550 burials, stored for years in the basement in shoeboxes, to the Indians for reinterment, Feyling said, inspiring other institutions to take Indian artifacts "off their shelves."

As for whether official federal recognition of the Amah Tribal Band might lead to their reclaiming Albany, Feyling scoffed. "This is 1993," she said.

Ohlone/Costanoan tribal leaders have, however, submitted a proposal to take back a part of Fort Ord when it closes for use as an Indian museum, health center, housing and other Native American cultural activities, Feyling said.

The Amah-Mutsun Ohlone tribe, headquartered in Woodside, has 670 active members, Feyling said.



Dawn Frasier

Access problem

Linda Smith, secretary to the El Cerrito Fire Chief, can easily climb the few stairs to enter the fire department's administrative offices. But there would be no direct access if she were handicapped. That will be a problem for the City of El Cerrito when requirements established by the Americans with Disabilities Act go into effect. Changes needed to bring El Cerrito's public safety building into compliance with the law would have been funded by a March 2 ballot measure that did not receive the 2/3 vote needed for passage.

Letters to the Editor

A voice for redevelopment

Editor:

In recent months, several letters to the editor, a flyer from the El Cerrito Citizens Alliance, and a commentary from the Alliance's Coordinator, Beverly Gent, have targeted redevelopment as the cause of El Cerrito's fiscal plight. Now, selected El Cerritos have been mailed a news alert from the Sacramento-based Spirit of 13 Paul Gann's Citizens Committee. The news alert sends a referendum petition seeking to place the Redevelopment Plan Amendment on the ballot. All of those communications have one thing in common — they are rife with half truths, misinterpretations and distortions of facts and statements that are intended to incite.

The message in these communications is best captured in the Gann Committee's allegations that redevelopment "...is what has jeopardized local governments' ability to provide basic services...and has caused taxpayers to pay millions of dollars in new and increased taxes, fees and assessments to make up for the revenues lost to redevelopment."

Not altogether a surprise to hear coming from those organization that, with Howard Jarvis, brought us the taxpayers revolt? Prop 13 and Prop 4 in the late '70s. The powerful Sacramento-based political juggernaut has maintained constant loyalty to the premise that taxes are running rampant, government is to be distrusted and all taxes should be voted on. Underlying everything is an unsaid "I've got mine; Pull up the drawbridge; Things are fine as they are/were" mentality. Such vigilance blinds them to the irrefutable fact that Prop. 13 alone has caused the fiscal woes that plague California's cities, counties and special districts and threatens to push the downward spiral of local services to its logical conclusion.

The tax inequities Prop 13 was touted to eliminate are still with us and have worsened. Not, of course, for those who voted for it in 1978 and have stayed in their homes and intend to continue to do so. But what is equitable about two houses side by side, of similar age and construction paying taxes that can vary as much as 500 percent or more? And yet the house that pays \$400 in taxes receives the same level of services as the one paying \$2,000!

Prop 13 largely responsible for the fact that California has plunged from 14th in funding per capita for K-12 public education among the 50 states in 1980 to number 40 today Prop 13 reduced the property tax revenues available to schools and school district and started the deterioration that has best public education since.

Rather than acknowledge what scholars and service providers statewide have shown with facts and results (larger class sizes, deteriorating school and other public buildings, obsolete equipment, reduced local services), the Gann organization and its disciples have found a new scapegoat — redevelopment. A complicated, though well-intended economic stimulus program, redevelopment has come under increasing criticism in recent years. But problems, abuses and criticisms elsewhere do not translate to El Cerrito in any but the most troubled minds. Under no circumstances does the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency deserve the smear tactics employed by the Citizens Alliance Coordinator in the March 14 commentary in the West County Times wherein Mrs. Gent alleges redevelopment's "economic blight" is just another word for "We want more revenue."

Nor does the Redevelopment Agency or this city deserve to be corralled by a group of citizens and their spin doctors who fill our papers and mailboxes with half truths and scare tactics. Both groups tell us the Redevelopment Agency plans to build "high density," "low-cost housing and other questionable projects." El Cerrito has a proud history of providing affordable housing. Much of the early housing construction in the flatland area of town grew in the shadow of the Richmond Kaiser Shipyard as a working class community. We continue to be in the forefront of Bay Area communities in providing affordable housing. I'm sure the senior citizens living in the 63 units at Hazel Shirley Manor, the 102 units at El Cerrito Royale and the 29 units of affordable senior housing at Del Norte Place are thankful that redevelopment provided housing opportunities for them. In El Cerrito. Using the loaded terms "high density" "low cost" is intended to scare us into thinking about the towering public housing developments of the '60s built in major urban cities like San Francisco, Oakland and Chicago. Besides a concern for the racist overtones of such loaded terms, the key fact omitted is that the height limits in El

Cerrito along the San Pablo Avenue corridor translate to buildings at or close to the height of the BART stations at most!

Characterizing recently constructed redevelopment area homes for seniors, other affordable units in Del Norte Place and those to be constructed in the future as "high density" "low cost" is an insult to those who live there and to those in the community who are committed to continuing El Cerrito's racial, cultural, ethnic and income diversity. Not everyone can afford or even aspires to live in a detached single family house. Housing choices must remain a key commitment of this community.

Moreover, redevelopment is not the cause of "...crime, traffic congestion and pollution" on San Pablo Avenue as stated in Mrs. Gent's closing sentence. All three are a function of overall Bay Area growth. The population in the Bay Area went from 5 million in 1980 to 6 million in 1990. Housing affordability pushes more and more folks father and farther from their jobs. Those who work and travel the Bay Area streets and highways whether by car, BART or bus experience daily the increasing congestion. The more congested the I-80 corridor is, the more congested San Pablo Avenue is. Its been congested every evening during commute hours for well over two years. Mrs. Gent, your scapegoat, Target, just opened eight months ago.

Rather than work with the processes in place to constructively guide the future of this communities, these citizens would rather undertake a negative campaign and attack with falsehoods and alarmist statements using whatever aid is offered from outside influences. For over two years, Project Listen participants, El Cerrito citizens and business people, participated in a constructive, reasoned study of the issues and challenges facing their city. Their vision and the many suggestions, recommendations and proposals were offered to the council and the Redevelopment Agency in the spirit of betterment for a community they love. I and the other members of the council remain open to working with those who choose a constructive, positive partnership with us in shaping El Cerrito's future.

Norma Jellison, Chair
El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency

You did it again!

Editor:

On March 2 Albany schools got an "A" — Measure A, that is. Once again Albany citizens made a strong statement in support of their schools. Once again, despite uncertain economic times, Albany citizens voted to tax themselves to provide improved school facilities for their children. (The bond for Albany High School was passed in the depths of the Depression.) Once again Albany citizens demonstrated that they understand the importance of a quality education for our children. Once again Albany citizens showed leadership in the fight for quality schools.

Measure A is a \$31.6 million bond issue which will make possible 1) the rehabilitation of our older schools, 2) the upgrading of all schools to meet current health, safety and seismic standards, and 3) the construction of additional classrooms for increasing numbers of Albany students. Many of the projects which will be accomplished have been sorely needed for some time, but meager state support has prevented the school district from undertaking major work.

We extend our sincere thanks to the voters of Albany and to the nearly 200 volunteers who worked so hard to help pass Measure A by 78.8 percent. It was a wonderful effort and we greatly appreciate the help. Community support is a vital factor in maintaining excellent schools, and excellent schools are the building blocks of a bright future for Albany. Many thanks!

Sally Outis

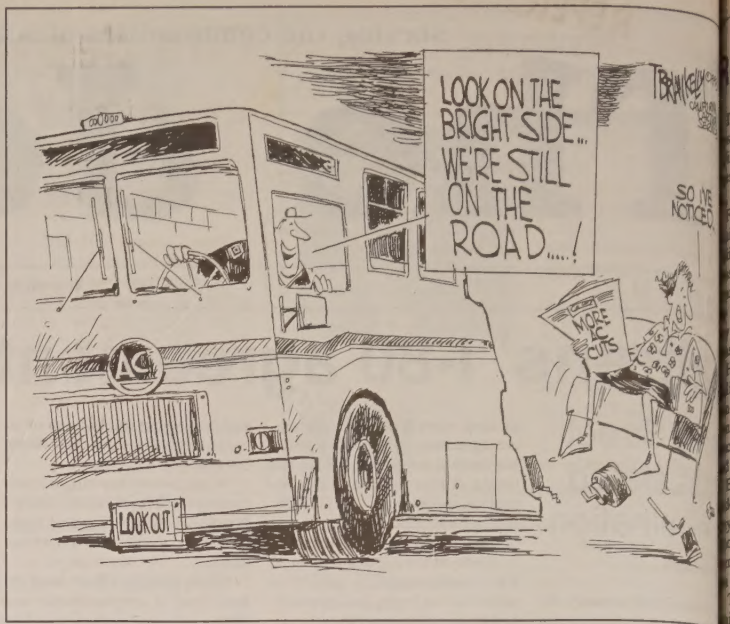
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Editor:

El Cerrito voters have just received a costly mass mailing financed by Paul Gann's "Citizens' Committee" of Sacramento, telling us how we should require our city to abolish redevelopment.

We are told we are victims of a massive fraud by our own elected City Council. We are told that the Redevelopment Agency is an illegal agency, in spite of California state legal validation. We are told that publicly assisted low-rent housing is a questionable local government concern, in spite of United States

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Police Reports

Buick believed damaged in messy car theft

By Dave Greer

ALBANY — Late Sunday night a resident of the 1100 block of Marin Avenue heard a loud bang and found that his 1983 Buick Regal had been stolen. Police investigated and found parts of a shattered steering column and ignition. Paint chips left behind indicated the left side of the vehicle may have been damaged as it struck a pole pulling out, causing the noise.

A loud party took officers out twice to the Veterans Memorial Building Sunday night. Following their visit, windows were closed and music volume turned down.

A Berkeley woman reported that someone took her wallet out of her purse in a temporarily unattended cart in the Solano Avenue Safeway Store late in the afternoon of March 20.

A resident of the 1400 block of Portland Avenue told police somebody had thrown about two dozen eggs at his 1989 Acura parked in front of his house last Sunday morning.

An Albany Village woman reported that her child's stroller had been taken from the parking lot on Albany Hill about 6:30 p.m. March 20.

A San Francisco man was arrested for driving under the influence shortly past 3 a.m. March 18 at the corner of San Pablo and Marin avenues.

Thieves pried the door of a 1986 Nissan pickup in the 700 Block of Pierce Street and got away with the cassette stereo about 12:30 a.m. March 18. After the vehicle's alarm went off, the owner yelled at them and they left in a white pickup.

Police were unable to locate a blond female juvenile panhandling outside the Albany Library late afternoon March 17.

Sometime before noon of March 18 a black and white rabbit with a white dot on his nose got out of his cage in the garage of a house in the 600 block of Evelyn Avenue.

The rabbit returned home before

nightfall.

A Kensington juvenile with a sweet tooth was apprehended for shop lifting by a Safeway Store security man in the late afternoon of March 18. The youth confessed to police that he had taken a pound of candy from the Solano Avenue store. He was reprimanded and released to his mother.

Residents of the 1000 block of Ventura Ave. were annoyed by occupants of a gray Honda who were playing a stereo loudly and refused to turn it down shortly before 1 p.m. March 17. The car left before police arrived.

Early in the morning of March 16 Albany police assisted University of California police in the arrested of two black male juveniles from Albany Village. The youths allegedly entered a garage in the 600 block of Kains Ave. and left with items in a duffel bag also taken from the premises.

A pair of well groomed husky dogs with Texas dog licenses were picked up by police at San Pablo and Marin avenues at 9:15 a.m. on March 17. The dogs were transported to the Berkeley Animal Shelter.

A couple of juveniles were arrested about 7 p.m. on March 16 after one of them left a grocery store at Solano and Evelyn avenues with unpaid for-produce in his pocket.

A Richmond man whose automobile collided with one driven by an Albany man at the intersection of San Pablo and Washington avenues shortly before 7 p.m. on March 16 was arrested on outstanding warrants from San Francisco and Berkeley.

Late in the afternoon of March 16 a resident of the 700 block of Curtis Street reported his bicycle stolen from a rack at Albany High School. Thieves cut a chain and stole a man's black, five-speed Peugeot mountain bike.

A resident of the 1000 block of Marin told police that somebody had gotten into his storage locker

and taken a Skisaw and equipment sometime between 6 p.m. on March 16.

On the morning of March 16, a resident of the 1200 block of land Avenue told officers boy's teal blue, 18-speed mountain bike had been stolen from his garage.

A woman who resides in the 1400 block of Portland Avenue that on the afternoon of March 16 while walking on Curtis Street men followed her in a red Civic and twice yelled "her before she ran for home."

Police assisted a man who locked himself out of his car in the 600 block of Evelyn Avenue at midnight March 15.

A Sacramento man was walking on San Pablo near intersection Avenues with a pool cue in his hand. After with officers he handed the stick.

A black woman came to the home of residence 800 block of Pomona Avenue in the morning of March 16. She asked to use the phone and bus fare. She was offered \$3 cab, but refused and departed before police arrived.

A woman in the 700 block of Pomona reported what she was an injured opossum in her house about 7 a.m. March 16. The responding officer captured animal and released it at the fill.

In the early afternoon of March 16 a woman in the 500 block of Cornell Ave. apparently had a stroke and was taken to Albany Hospital by the Albany Fire Department ambulance.

A Richmond man who locked his keys in his car at the corner of Adams St. and Ave. was assisted by police in the afternoon of March 18.

The mirror was reported off a 1989 Honda Civic owned by a woman in the 700 block of ington Ave. on the afternoon of March 18.

Man reports being robbed, hijacked to Sacramento

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A Kensington man reported a masked male forced him to drive to Sacramento the evening of March 11 and then robbed him. He said the incident began at Mooser Lane west of Kearney.

West Coast Video was robbed by a male suspect who had his hand in his pocket simulating a gun. When the clerk called for help, the suspect left. The incident occurred at 7:02 p.m. on March 15.

An El Cerrito woman said she was approached by two male suspects at Potrero Avenue and Lexington Street on Feb. 15 at 5:40 p.m. One suspect pulled an Uzi out from his shirt, then demanded her purse. The woman said the suspects then both fled by vehicle. The suspects are described as young black males, between 17 and 20, wearing jeans and black jackets.

The Horizon Learning Center was burglarized during the night of Feb. 16. Someone broke in the front door of the day care center with a hand dolly, stole some cash from inside and fled.

A Richmond woman was taken in by a scam at the Lucky's parking lot on San Pablo Avenue. Two male suspects offered her \$200 worth of food stamps for \$50 and never returned after she gave them the money.

A Payless Shoe Source employee reported that a safe was found open but that nothing was stolen. Two male suspects were seen.

Someone rifled office cabinets and desks, as well as bedrooms at St. Jerome's Catholic Church between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 27. Miscellaneous items were reported stolen.

An El Cerrito girl reported that a man exposed himself to her on Club View at Vista Road on the afternoon of March 14.

A security officer attempting to detain a shoplifter at the Emporium got into a fight with the man, who eventually escaped with a stolen coat.

Suspects were taken into custody in Richmond on the afternoon of Feb. 15 after an El Cerrito officer saw them driving at a high rate

of speed on the shoulder of the highway. The suspects bailed out of the car, caught, the vehicle had been reported stolen.

Someone pried open a door in the 3400 block of California Avenue Feb. 27; mail was stolen.

On the night of Feb. 27, three vehicles were damaged and shattered by BB gun vehicles were parked on Boulevard (7200 block) and Drive (8000 block) and Lexington (1800 block).

On the night of March 16, shots broke windows of vehicles parked on the 400 block of Lexington (two incidents), the 900 block of Lexington (two incidents), the 6300 block of Eureka, and the 1200 block of Lexington (two incidents). In several instances it is known that the shots came from a moving car.

Other windows were broken. One vehicle was damaged in the 5200 block of G Street during the night of Feb. 15 the other in the 1200 block of erty Street during the night

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Republicans meet for dinner

The Kensington-El Cerrito Congress of Republicans is sponsoring dinner on Friday, March 26, at the Kensington Fire Department's restaurant, 1919 Fourth Street.

Featured speaker is William A. Craig, vice president of the California Congress of Republicanism, a statewide volunteer Republican organization that promotes the Republican Party, its philosophy and the election of Republicans.

He will be speaking about the California Senior Legislature, a bipartisan, volunteer organization made up of 120 state-wide members 60 years of age and older.

Elections are coordinated statewide by area agencies on aging. Any person 60 years of age or older, who is a registered voter and a permanent resident, is eligible to vote for the Senior Legislature.

The Senior Legislature provides senior citizens the opportunity to become familiar with the legislative process through actual involvement.

ment, and provides them with a forum to present their legislative priorities to the state legislature.

Craig, a senior citizen, was a 28-year state employee for the Division of Architecture and the Department of Transportation before he retired. He was formerly national president, Assembly of Governmental Employees, representing 500,000 public employees nationwide, which included school employees 1980-1983, and president, California State Employees Association 1976-1979.

He is a member of the Sacramento Republican Central Committee, a board member of the Republicans of River City as well as a vice president of the California Congress of Republicans. He is an Army veteran who is active in many civic and community organizations.

The public to attend; dinner reservations are available through Betty Sandifur at 526-0940. The cost is \$14 per person. A social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

Local mystery author honored

Patricia Elmore of Albany has been nominated for the 1992 Best Mystery Edgar Award for *Susannah and the Purple MongOOSE*, a 11-year-old black Oakland author.

The novel, published by Dutton, is the first in a series written for ages 8 to 12. Like the first two books, it is set in Oakland and features Elmore and her two partners, Susannah and Knaveel, as they seek the thief who is trying to burn down their neighbor's house.

The previous two books are *Susannah and the Blue House Mystery* and *Susannah and the Poisonous Halloween*, both originally published by Dutton and now available in Scholastic/Apple paperback. Both earlier books are recommended by the National Council of Teachers of English and are on the "highly recommended" lists of the

San Francisco and Berkeley libraries.

Elmore says the *Susannah* series "reflects my enthusiasm for the multicultural world of the Bay Area," and is her "tribute to the wonderful black youngsters I came to know as a substitute teacher in Oakland schools."

The Edgar Awards, presented by Mystery Writers of America, honor the best in fiction, nonfiction, television and film.

This year's winners, in 12 categories, will be announced at the awards banquet April 30 in New York City.

In addition to her years with the Oakland schools, Elmore has worked as an elementary school teacher in her native Miami, Fla. She is currently a freelance writer and an instructor for the Institute of Children's Literature.

Adult school classes underway

Classes for adults are scheduled to begin at Albany Adult School next week of March 22.

Those wishing to register may do so at the day office, 655 Key

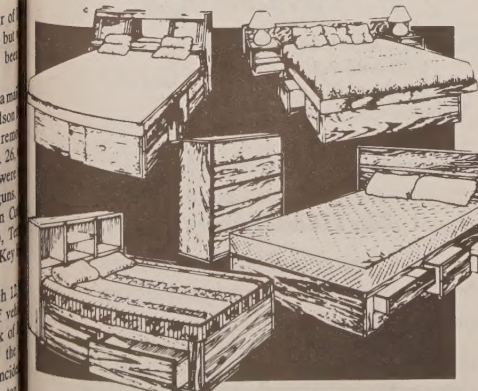
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Fire departments already consolidating

Though it's not official, services working together

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO—Talks continue in West County on the subject of fire service consolidation. Fire Chief Steve Cutright led the City Council in a study session on the concept at its March 15 meeting. Cutright spoke to the health of the Kensington Fire District almost as much as he did to the issues as they relate to El Cerrito, and spoke to the strong possibility that some kind of consolidation between those two departments might be worked out.

Cutright told the council that the bottom line of concern to all local fire departments is how adequate fire protection can be ensured with unstable funding. Due to the fiscal impact of decisions made in Sacramento, "we are faced with reinventing fire services for West County," Cutright said.

So far, he said, representatives (fire chiefs, mayors and county supervisors) have been "dusting off old studies." Since the 1970s, he said, methods of consolidation have been studied in the county.

But Cutright's whole emphasis was on the cooperation several departments have already achieved through the Joint Response System, including joint training experiences and sharing of some equipment costs. Since 1983, El Cerrito has been a JRS partner with Kensington, Richmond and the West County Fire District. Under the JRS, the closest engine company will respond to emergencies.

"In a sense, we're already reaping many of the benefits of consolidation from the Joint Response System," he said. Eventually, he stated his conclusion that an enhanced JRS is the best way for El Cerrito to go.

"The benefits and cooperative relationships of the JRS should be maintained," said Cutright, adding that "a threat to our partners is a threat to us; two partners are facing severe risk; and we need to be open and receptive to assisting them in maintaining an adequate level of protection."

Special fire districts like Kensington are run differently than cities like El Cerrito. Among other things, they are partially funded by

special district augmentation funds from the county. Those were cut back this year in response to Sacramento's budget decisions and are expected to be reduced even more in the future.

"The county has been sheltering

cover overtime and joint fire prevention programs. In addition, administrative service agreements could be made in a variety of groupings (such as El Cerrito with Kensington Fire).

Still to be achieved, however,

'The county has been sheltering Kensington residents from the true market value of their fire protection services'

—STEVE CUTRIGHT

Kensington residents from the true market value of their fire protection services," he said. "Now it has decided not to do that."

"Loss of special district augmentation funds will have severe effects on Kensington," said Cutright. Closure of the station or reduction of staff below minimum requirements are distinct possibilities, he said.

Those areas hardest hit by Sacramento's budget cutbacks (county-controlled districts and independent districts, like Kensington) want to pool resources to sustain fire protection at current levels, he said. The question is, is the county coming to the table with nothing to offer to a department like El Cerrito's which is not yet in such danger?

Cutright had no hesitation in telling the council that the health of its partners is of critical importance to the health of El Cerrito's own fire service. He said, for example, that a large portion of El Cerrito is covered by Kensington and that they are a part of any first alarm call to a structural fire.

Moreover, neither El Cerrito nor Richmond is in a position to expand its services should Kensington or West County close any stations, he said. (He called West County's position "very precarious" and said that San Pablo's Station No. 70 is the busiest in the county). Recently, El Cerrito voters did not pass a ballot measure requesting more funding for its own city fire services.

"What's good for others is good for us," he said.

Cutright would like to see an expansion of the JRS as opposed to active pursuit of consolidation in a wider geographical area. Further cost efficiencies could be made, he said, including labor pooling to

are a stable funding source, administrative cost efficiencies (including fire chiefs' salaries), a more complete central planning for the fire protection system, and economies of scale (such as taking over county private paramedic ambulance services) that would allow augmentation and rounding-out of its service.

Cutright noted that complete central planning would demand a level of coordination beyond a loosely-structured consensus relationship.

Cutright said that the existing Joint Response System is "an excellent example of a cooperative relationship which still leaves intact local control, local responsibility and local accountability."

Loss of local control and local "identity" for the El Cerrito Fire Department has been a recurring theme of the El Cerrito City Council.

At least one Kensington resident, however, has a slightly different viewpoint.

Ken Aitken is president of the Kensington Property Owners Association. Kensington is going through a difficult period with its fire district, and the KPOA has taken an official position on some important aspects of it. But Aitken shared his own opinion on consolidation.

"Personally, I'm not concerned about retaining local identity," said Aitken. "We're concerned about good fire protection and ... being able to control it."

"If that's what identity means, then I guess we're for it."

Aitken also said that the KPOA's main problem with consolidation is that Kensington residents understand how the fire departments would consolidate but don't yet have any details about how the districts themselves would be organized.

At the council meeting, Cutright had said, "All I'm saying publicly is that we're open (to discussion on consolidation with Kensington). There is a danger that if we don't plan on some-

thing, we'll be surprised, ... and there won't be anything we can do about it."

Much depends on the success of the Kensington ballot measure (for an increased sales tax), he said, adding that an agreement between the two departments could be worked out in a matter of weeks if the groundwork is laid ahead of time.

But, Cutright added, "I'm not anxious to be conceived as taking over Kensington Fire. They are a partner." The bottom line, he said, is that "their relative lack of health will hurt us ... and vice versa."

Councilmembers spoke in support of Kensington Fire.

"Take away the Arlington and Kensington stations, and there's nothing up there," said Vice-mayor Jane Bartke, adding her belief that keeping the Arlington station open is El Cerrito's top priority.

"Going with something small like Kensington still provides some local control, local responsibility," she said. "Going with something bigger scares me a little bit."

Councilmember Norma Jellison spoke to the importance of acknowledging partnership with West County, Richmond and Kensington.

"We have partners, and it works," she said. "The issue before us is, why change what works, unless there's a way to improve it?" Any larger group, she said, would be an unmanageable concept.

Councilmember Cathie Kosel pointed out that consolidation of Kensington and El Cerrito would eliminate the need for two chiefs.

Cutright confirmed that she was correct.

Kensington firefighter Bob McLendon, who represents his department to county Local #1230, said he would not expect any personnel layoffs from a West County consolidation other than the chiefs; he said that a January report from the consolidation group estimated that 17 firefighter positions would be lost, as well as four of five fire chiefs.

McLendon said, however, that the 17 positions would in general be emptied by attrition and would be left open. Many, he said, are already empty. Cutright later commented that, in similar situations, chiefs have been moved into assistant chief positions. As they retire, he said, the positions would be kept open or filled by employees at a lesser salary.

McLendon also said that "Local No. 1230 supports all consolidation" and is not holding out for the retention of "local identity."

He also mentioned that Cutright is widely respected in the West County area. His efforts in support of fire protection services have been "just what this county needs," McLendon said.

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Skiline

Utah offers easy access to a wide range of terrain

By Charlie Coane

For Bay Area skiers who wish to venture out of state for a three to seven day ski vacation, Utah may just be the top choice. There are several major ski areas in Utah, and perhaps the top four are Snowbird, Alta, Park City and Deer Valley.

Utah's slogan (which is even on the license plates) is "The greatest snow on Earth." I'm sure that can be debated, but at worst the snow in Utah is generally drier than most areas. It is very consistent snow. All of these top four areas have a wide variety of terrain, yet each is very distinguishable.

The big kicker for skiing in Utah is that all of those areas (plus others) are only 45 minutes drive from the Salt Lake Airport. Considering that flights from Oakland or San Francisco take only about 1-1/2 hours, skiers can leave home and be on the slopes in Utah in a flash. Salt Lake City is also a major hub for Delta Air Lines, so there are plenty of flights from the Bay Area.

I had an opportunity to take advantage of the extremely low air fares recently (\$168 round trip) and ski in Utah at the above-mentioned areas — four days, four areas. With so many flights, you lose no skiing time while traveling. In fact, we skied all day for four straight days and were home by 7:30 p.m. on the fourth day.

Like the snowpack in our Sierra, Utah areas have had a good year. Our first stop was Snowbird. A 125-passenger tram from the village area is a main access to lots of different runs, including plenty of steep terrain. Full base facilities give Snowbird all the amenities.

Our next stop was Alta — only a couple of miles up the road. Nothing fancy here. No high speed quads or glitzy shops. Just great terrain and a \$23 lift ticket. That's right — \$23. It has to be the best deal in the country.

The main part of Alta has no beginner runs, and many of the toughest runs are only accessible via a long traverse. This is a no-nonsense area with tons of skiing.

Beginner runs are a chairlift away. Experts and powder hounds love Alta and Snowbird. They are both located up the same canyon. Night life? Not Snowbird or Alta.

Our next visits were to Deer Valley and Park City — which is a town and a ski area. They are as close to each other as are Alta and Snowbird and less than an hour's drive from those two resorts.

Deer Valley is at the opposite scale from Alta, and lift tickets cost \$43. No one cares. This is a different crowd. The slopes are groomed to perfection, and the long high-speed cruising runs are lots of fun. There is one double diamond area, but that's not what skiers are after at Deer Valley.

The service and food have no equal. Even the lowest restaurant has gourmet grits, and there is plenty to pick from. Lodging is first class. And you may bump into celebs such as Johnny Carson or Kevin Costner. They own homes there. Deer Valley is not for the budget-minded.

Down the road from Deer Valley is Utah's biggest area, Park City. It has everything you'd ever need. There's a lot of intermediate terrain, and one chairlift serves nothing but advanced and expert runs, lots of them. The base facilities have everything.

The town itself is a classic little Western ski town with lots of shops, restaurants and non-skiing activities such as snowmobiling and hot air ballooning. And the U.S. Ski Team is based there.

There's also a new sports park which has ski jumping and freestyle facilities as well as a halfpipe for snowboarding.

Utah missed the 1998 bid for the Winter Olympics, but they will be a strong candidate in 2002. They have everything needed.

In summary, give Utah a long look for an out-of-state ski vacation. I'd say stay at Park City/Deer Valley, but don't miss skiing the other areas.

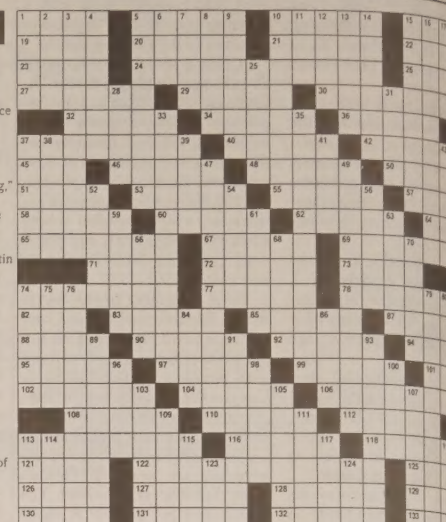
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New York Times Magazine Crossword Puzzle

ABBREVIATED ASSEMBLAGE

BY BERNICE GORDON/EDITED BY EUGENE T. MALESKA

- ACROSS**
- 1 Arrivederci
 - 5 "La Tulipe" — Dumas
 - 10 Takes the helm
 - 15 Nursemaid in Shanghai
 - 19 Daredevil
 - 20 Robbie's daredevil dad
 - 21 Itching
 - 22 Bane of grain
 - 23 Creme — creme
 - 24 Native of Natal
 - 25 President without a country
 - 26 Terminator's partner
 - 27 Chemical used in film developing
 - 29 Contradict
 - 30 Most rigid
 - 32 "...I was born to — right!" Hamlet
 - 34 Type of eclipse
 - 36 Put on a new road
 - 37 Boyer-Bergman thriller
 - 40 Narrow furrow
 - 42 Buffalo hockey team
 - 45 Gunther subject in 1947
 - 46 Asian capital
 - 48 Shin and Zen
 - 50 Splash haphazardly
 - 51 Kin of a sieve
 - 53 — days in Lent
 - 55 Leader of a Mass. rebellion: 1786-87
 - 57 Vocalist James
 - 58 Modify for usage
 - 60 Dripping
 - 62 Phrase on a shop sign
 - 64 Beecher's rewarder
 - 65 Sui — (unique)
 - 67 Forty — (a gold sealer)
 - 69 Portia's waiting woman
 - 71 Summoned the butler
 - 72 "A woman — as she looks": Collins
 - 73 "Cielo —" Ponchielli aria
 - 74 Lorenzo's bride
 - 77 X follower
 - 78 Of the people of Eden
 - 82 Fringefoot
 - 83 Freshwater mussel
 - 85 Raw-boned animal or person
 - 87 This doth murder
 - 88 Seamstress in "La Boheme"
 - 90 Gives the cold shoulder to
 - 92 Brightly-colored tropical fish
 - 94 Integument
 - 95 Pleasingly zaftig
 - 97 "— in Time," Astaire's autobiography
 - 99 Turnpike sign
 - 101 Protection for Hulk Hogan
 - 102 Transuded
 - 104 Golden braid
 - 106 Totipalmate birds
 - 108 Cull genus
 - 110 Opening in the head
 - 112 Composer of "The Rosary"
 - 116 Inflict
 - 118 Scot's small, sturdy workhorse
 - 121 Small island
 - 122 An ex-screen star drops an ex-Cub star
 - 125 Blast-furnace fuel
 - 126 Favis
 - 127 Actress Potts
 - 128 Japanese emperor's title
 - 129 Inst. attended by Abdul-Jabbar
 - 130 Wed
 - 131 Passover feast
 - 132 Former Israeli Defense Minister
 - 133 Card game for three
- DOWN**
- 1 Mohammed — Pahlavi
 - 2 Egg cell
 - 3 Singer gets rid of Mr. Goode of "Gunsmoke"
 - 4 Pear-shaped bottle in a lab
 - 5 Boudoir attire
 - 6 Borodin's prince
 - 8 Carouse
 - 9 Neighbor of Hades
 - 10 Metric units
 - 11 "The — King," Goethe ballad
 - 12 Iron and Stone
 - 13 Capital of the First State
 - 14 Allen and Martin
 - 15 Adjective for a choral
 - 16 Heirless financier
 - 17 City NW of Nimes
 - 18 Poet Crane
 - 25 Half pints
 - 28 Tin Pan Alley regretter
 - 31 Letters from Athens
 - 33 Painter leaves behind a fifth of N.Y.C.
 - 35 No-to-do for a 1977 Oscar winner
 - 37 "The — Archipelago": Solzhenitsyn
 - 38 In reserve
 - 39 Slow boats
 - 41 Mussorgsky's "Pictures — Exhibition"
 - 43 She wrote "Women Who Run With the Wolves"
 - 44 Author Alexander
 - 47 Musician misplaces a mug
 - 49 Heavy actor loses his way
 - 52 Copycats
 - 54 Mrs. Gorbachev
 - 56 "Guns and Dolls" song
 - 59 Peacock's pride
 - 61 A "Landing" on TV
 - 63 Kensington Park vehicles
 - 66 Victims of the conquistadores
 - 68 Choose
 - 70 Ireland, to Spenser
 - 74 What a Calaveras County frog does
 - 75 Writer Zola
 - 76 No spur for this poet
 - 79 Artist is short of a spring
 - 80 New Guinea, to Indonesians
 - 81 Bretons, e.g.
 - 84 Cord or Opel
 - 86 Anxiously expecting
 - 89 Wedged
 - 91 European moth
 - 93 Musical movements
 - 96 Pretty girl
 - 98 Old term of address
 - 100 Prima donna
 - 103 Town or county in Ontario
 - 105 Nap, in Napoli
 - 107 Mileau for the Wallendas
 - 109 Rhone feeder
 - 111 Interviewer's "60 Minutes"
 - 113 Prohibit
 - 114 Hebrew letter
 - 115 Swedish city
 - 117 Welles role in 1941
 - 119 Tex. neighbor
 - 120 Precise
 - 123 Donatello
 - 124 Serenades



Church Notes

By Dawn Frasleur

Join Fr. Jim Stuckney at St. Alban's Episcopal Church next Wednesday night, March 31. Learn about a first-century map of the spiritual universe that will widen your understanding of St. Paul's writings.

The class runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m., with childcare provided. A soup and bread supper precedes the class at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Sunday Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at St. Alban's.

Childcare is available during the

second service; Sunday School also begins at 10 a.m.

Communion is also celebrated on Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

The church is located at 1501 Washington Ave., Albany.

The annual Trash & Treasures Sale takes place this Saturday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington.

Included in the items for sale will be hand-painted plates, cups and saucers; a rowing machine and stationary bicycle; a water bed; plants; baked goods and assorted other finds.

"Woody Allen and his films" will be the topic of discussion over brunch at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Sunday at 11 a.m.

Jerry Herman will lead the discussion; cost is \$5 members, \$6 general.

Passover events this weekend include "Gesharim: Pesach Music from Near and Far," led by Jonathan Seidel and Achi Ben Shalom, March 27 at 8 p.m. The cost is \$3.

A free community workshop Sunday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. will be led by Rabbi Einat Ramon with artist-in-residence Moshe

Klugman.

Activities for children offered at a \$2 fee for materials and snacks.

"Pesach: Its Meaning Today" the topic of a "Lunch and Learn" 12:15 p.m. next Thursday. Call 848-0237.

The center is located at Walnut St., Berkeley.

The Rev. Carol Wickham will preach on the topic, "Let Right Through Us; Seeing Through Us," this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at El Cerrito Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury. Childcare is provided.

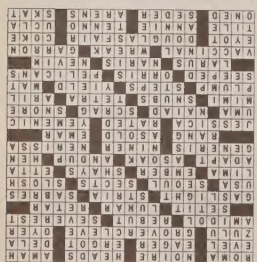
Stutterers' advocate talks to film industry

A national advocate for stutterers says his organization is requesting that Warner Bros. retire its entire catalog of Porky Pig cartoons.

Ira Zimmerman of the National Stuttering Project was scheduled to talk about the request at a meeting of the San Francisco chapter of the project this week.

Porky Pig cartoons, according to Zimmerman, harm children who stutter.

The 4-year-old National Stuttering Project is based in San Juan Capistrano.



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Newsline

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- First Aid — June 27, 9 a.m. to noon.

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For information call the department at 528-5771.

Rotary goes to the theater

On April 1 at 6 p.m. the Albany Rotary Club will sponsor a fundraising event that includes dinner at the Hotel Mac in Point Richmond, followed by the "Love Takes The Rails" theater performance at the Masquers Playhouse, only a block away.

Tickets are \$30, which includes dinner and the theater performance. Information or tickets can be ordered from Deidre Wallace; phone 525-9474.

Good books only

Children in grades 3-6 are invited to join the Kensington Library's "Wow! Is this a good book?" club which will meet every Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. during April.

Children who attend will hear about great adventure stories, funny books, mysteries, classics and stories about kids like themselves. Members who join

in the fun by telling the group about a book they enjoyed will have their names put on our bulletin board and will receive a colorful pin to wear.

On Thursday, May 13 at 3 p.m. children of all ages are invited to a puppet show put on by Caterpillar Puppets. The show is free and will last approximately 30 minutes.

Both this puppet show and the book club described above are sponsored by The Friends of the Kensington Library.

The Kensington Library, a branch of the Contra Costa County Library System, is located at 61 Arlington Ave. Open hours are Monday and Tuesday, 1 to 9 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m.

In case of emergency

The Albany Fire Department is teaming up with Century Cable to provide vital information to Albany residents, should a disaster strike the city or Bay Area. The Emergency Alert System can be activated in times of emergency, broadcasting important information on all cable channels.

Beginning in April, which is Earthquake Preparedness Month, the Fire Department will be testing the system on the first Wednesday of each month, between 6 a.m. and 6:30 a.m.

With the system in place, should there be an actual emergency, information regarding shelter sites, medical treatment, or evacuation routes will be broadcast on all channels.

El Cerrito Newsline

The meaning behind the lines on the streets

If you have seen interesting markings in a variety of colors on your street, you might be wondering what they mean. In general, they mean that the City's street maintenance program for this fiscal year is underway. Major street overlays and slurry sealing projects require considerable planning and coordination, which is taking place now, as can be seen in the form of brightly colored markings on El Cerrito streets.

Overlay Projects Scheduled

Your copy of the City Brochure outlined the seven streets scheduled for major overlay projects this year. We hope that all these projects will be completed this year. To refresh your memory, they include:

- Arlington Boulevard from Lagunitas Avenue to Madera Drive
- Fairmount Avenue from Colusa Avenue to Richmond Street
- Colusa Avenue from Fairmount Avenue to Kensington Circle
- Santa Fe Avenue from Colusa Avenue to Albany border
- Central Avenue from Richmond Street to I-80
- Cutting Boulevard from San Pablo Avenue to Key Boulevard
- Hill Street from San Pablo Avenue to Elm Street

Squares painted in white mean that the City engineering assistant has been hard at work marking failed pavement areas.

Coordination of Work

All City street maintenance work is handled with monies approved by the voters; Measure C was

passed in 1988 and Proposition 111 in 1990. Street work is expensive.

We are coordinating this work to ensure that your tax dollars are being used wisely. When street work is scheduled, all utility companies are notified so that any work they have scheduled can be coordinated. We don't want a newly repaved street dug up by a utility such as the electric or cable company.

The City's street maintenance program also must fit into the City storm drain reconstruction program. A number of storm drains will have to be moved from under private property (sometimes from under driveways and homes) into the public right of way. This may involve tearing into streets. Some streets may have to wait for repairs as storm drain work takes precedence.

To make it easier for cities, counties and utilities to coordinate work of this type, colored markings are used. Public agencies and utilities find the standardized coloring system used very valuable for avoiding damage while construction is underway.

When you see red markings on the street, it means that electrical utilities are just below the surface.

The red markings provides a useful warning to others to be careful when digging!

Yellow means the presence of gas and oil utilities; orange, cable television; blue, water; green, sanitary sewer; and pink is used for temporary survey work.

Unfortunately a color was not assigned to street maintenance work that cities or other public agencies. The City generally uses white, therefore, to mark areas for street repairs.

The City's street maintenance program continues. Substantial improvements are in the works for this second year of the program.

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Panthers promote look at life without the automobile

Julie Freestone

A local activist wants East Bay residents to take a closer look at their relationship to automobiles and start taking small steps toward reducing their dependence on them.

David Cohen, coordinator of the Auto-Free Bay Area Coalition, will describe his philosophy at a panel discussion "What's Happening to People Who Don't Drive," sponsored by the Gray Panthers next Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Citizens Center, 101 Hearst.

Besides Cohen, the panel will include Cindy McKim, chief of the Trans Division of Rail, and Bruce Benedictis, a piano tuner who travels the East Bay for his profession without a car.

Cohen, an environmental educator, says people need to reorient their thinking about transportation and to realize what a negative impact the automobile has on the environment.

"We're not opposed to cars. We just think it's taken it too far," he says, explaining the appropriate role of automobiles would involve electric and solar powered cars and much more utilization of people walking, bicycles and the use of technology to move around goods and services.

Although Cohen, who doesn't own a car, concedes some might find that kind of agenda is unrealistic, he says, "Someone has to have

the vision."

Gray Panther transportation committee chair Art Weber, who will moderate the panel, says the Panthers are especially concerned about those goals in relation to people who don't drive.

"We want to insure that public transit is maintained to provide us public access to what's going on in society," he says.

He points out the Panthers recently passed a resolution calling, among other things, for a prohibition on any new development not accessible for non-motorists and the granting of right-of-way to public transit vehicles over private automobiles.

To get people to start dreaming about a society less dependent on cars, Cohen points out people have become so used to seeing cars and pavement, they don't realize how much of the earth the automobile consumes.

"When you take a close look, it's almost that we're embarrassed that we live on the planet, that we're trying to cover it up, he says," proposing people start looking at the infrastructure surrounding cars and at automobile advertising that invariably shows cars in pristine country settings.

"There's an ugly side to automobiles: the noise from traffic jams, the runoff into the bay from oil dripping. We've sacrificed ourselves, our community health, the

well-being of the planet, to cars," Cohen says.

To support his point, Cohen provides some distressing facts, including the information that every day, 350 additional cars are added to the roads in the Bay Area and that two counties, Napa and San Mateo, have more registered vehicles than people.

In his criticism, Cohen doesn't find Berkeley in its usual progressive leadership role.

He says while the population of the city has been decreasing, the number of cars have been increasing.

"I see people drinking coffee at Peets out of paper cups and getting into a car saying 'Save the Rain Forest,'" Cohen says with a laugh, adding that although you have to get used to the contradictions in Berkeley, he still finds most Berkeleyites aren't taking a global look at environmental issues.

"We have to start showing this is a town that can do it," he says, suggesting people start by eliminating just one or two trips in the car and replacing them with something ranging from not going at all to using public transportation.

"We're putting one set of values against another."

"The need to preserve the earth for ourselves and our children versus getting there faster. Even one trip a week can make a difference," he says.



Dawn Frasier

Walk for school

All Harding Elementary School students participated in a Walk-a-thon March 19. The Walk-a-thon raised about \$2,000 for badly-needed library books and science laboratory supplies. A dozen parents helped set up the playground's walking course and refreshment stand and helped organize the students as they came from their classrooms. The kindergarten through 2nd grade students and teachers walked an average of five times around the course; older students and teachers walked from eight to 12 times around. Three times around the course equaled one mile of walking. Harding's next fundraiser will be the annual carnival May 22.

Volunteers can exchange their skills for someone else's

Julie Freestone

Three Berkeley organizations are launching a unique program that brings to mind the old-fashioned concept of barter and injects a dose of dignity into the lives of volunteers.

Under the auspices of the Albany Berkeley Interdependent Elder Network, the program, called Community Cares Service Bank, encourages volunteers to help in their neighborhoods in return for earning credit toward services they might need either immediately or one day.

The three organizations include the West Berkeley Neighborhood Development Corporation, the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center and Northbrae Community Church. Each will de-

cide what services its volunteers will offer.

"I think this is the best idea to come down the pike in years," says ABIEN Board President Rosalind Singer, who is responsible for organizing the local effort after hearing about other programs operating across the country.

Explaining why the concept, sometimes called "time dollars" is so effective, Singer says, "It provides a substitute for what no longer exists — the extended family. The services credit programs change the helper recipient relationship so there is dignity."

To illustrate how the plan might work, Singer creates a hypothetical community where Mrs. Jones can't drive a car and needs transportation to the doctor. So Mrs. Smith drives her and gets a service credit repre-

senting the number of hours she spent with Mrs. Jones. Although Mrs. Smith could bank her credit, saving it until she needs similar services, she actually decides she'd like to cash it in now to have some junk in her garage carted away. Enter Johnny Appleseed, a Berkeley high student who needs tutoring in math. He carts away Mrs. Smith's discarded debris and cashes in his service credits for a tutor.

"It's an inter-generational exchange," says Singer, adding her dream is to have every student at Berkeley High have a bank book and begin getting involved.

Singer, who has been a member of the city's Commission for the Aging for years, says one of the things that drew her to the Community Cares Service bank idea was her own experience dating back to

when she was 25 years old.

She recalls visiting people when they were hospitalized, even though they weren't close friends. When people asked her why, she would laughingly respond she was "building credit."

But in 1976, Singer's prophecy came true when she was gravely ill with breast cancer.

"I cashed in the credit. I got a huge amount of support," she says, adding while she didn't really intend to bank credit by her earlier visits, when the time dollar concept came to her attention, she had a personal feeling about it.

Conceived several years ago by law professor Edgar Cahn and now operating in 30 states, the program was pilot-tested through a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson foundation in six different sites.

Singer says one of the findings was that many people who need help don't always utilize the services available in the community. In the service credit programs like the Community Cares Service bank, people were willing to accept assistance.

"It was a peer, not a professional and it wasn't charity," she says.

Residents who want to get involved will be screened and then entered into a computerized data bank to perform tasks ranging from talking to shut-ins on the phone, to yard work, babysitting, respite care, running errands, pet care, translation and even clerical work.

When someone calls in for help, workers at the local site will go to the data bank and come up with three names that might be likely prospects. Although the sites are

planning to begin recruiting, Singer says they will start slowly, using word-of-mouth.

Once the volunteers are on board, Singer is confident they will stay. Research seems to bear her confidence out, because unlike traditional volunteer programs which have high attrition rates, involving constant training, the time dollar programs had attrition rate of under 10 percent.

"In this system, there seems to be something that grabs people, holds people, says this is mine," Singer says.

To find out more, call the West Berkeley Neighborhood Development Center site at 644-6650, the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center site at 644-6083 or the Northbrae Community Church location at 644-4599.

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Goings on About Town

Performances

Double opera bill opens March 31: Berkeley Contemporary Opera presents "Antigona Furiosa" (U.S. premier) and "The Lighthouse," 84-JULIA.

Berkeley Theater Project presents Alice in Wonderland adapted by Andre Gregory and The Manhattan Theater Project. For the entire family. Previews April 1-2; opens April 3. Thursdays through Sundays through May 2. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. \$10/\$5; 528-1-BTP for reservations.

Berkeley Rep presents Ibsen's "The Lady From the Sea" with Norwegian actress Juni Dahr through April 30. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 845-4700.

Trinity Chamber Concerts hosts The Whitehouse Saxophone Quartet in "An Evening of Romantic Music for Saxophone" on Sunday, March 27, 8 p.m. Dana Street between Bancroft and Durant, Berkeley. \$8/\$5. 549-3864.

"In the Best Interest of Anna Freud," a play by Richard Katz, continues at Berkeley City Club through April 16. \$10/\$12. 2315 Durant. 486-ANNA.

Freight & Salvage tonight, March 25: Rory Block; March 26: Eric and Suzy Thompson; March 27: Vern Williams Band; March 28: Mango Jam. Doors open 7:30 p.m.; Music 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

British songwriter and children's book author, is at La Pena March 25-26 at 8 p.m. (\$10), with a children's show Saturday, March 27, 10:30 a.m. (\$3/\$5). 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

"I Hate Hamlet," a Broadway comedy, is on stage March 26-27; April 2-3, 10-11 at Theater of the Blue Rose, 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. 8 p.m., except Sunday, April 11, 3 p.m. matinee. No reservations. 504-5037.

Cantare On Vivo performs American choral music in a program titled "My Eyes Have Seen the Glory" on Friday, March 26, 8 p.m. First Congregational Church, Durant and Dana, Berkeley. 547-4260.

Kimball's East: Average White Band. 5800 Shellmound, Emeryville. 658-2555.

Cal Performances welcomes Trisha Brown (Of The Wall) March 31, 8 p.m. at University Art Museum. \$14. 642-9988 or fax 643-6707.

American Bach Soloists present Bach cantatas Sunday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant, Berkeley. Preconcert lecture at 6:30 p.m.

Nicaraguan composer and singer Luis Enrique Mejia Godoy performs at La Pena on Sunday, March 28, 7 and 9 p.m. \$10 advance/\$12 at the door. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

Ashkenaz for tonight, March 25: Sheryl Cormier and the Cajun Sounds, 9 p.m., \$8; March 26: Caribbean All Stars, 9 p.m., \$8; March 27, Kotoja, 9:30 p.m., \$8; March 28: Walden School benefit, 4-7 p.m., \$8-\$10; March 30: Tee Fee, 9 p.m., Cajun dance lesson, 8 p.m., \$5; March 31: St. Stupid's Day Parade Eve benefit for Citizen's Alert, 8:30 p.m., \$5-\$10. 20th anniversary celebration with free birthday cake Friday and Saturday night through March. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Terrace Bar, Claremont Hotel: Tonight, March 25: The Fabulous Bud E. Love Show; March 26-27: The Invisible Band; March 30: Steve Johnson; March 31: Lucy Lee. 549-8576.

Starry Plough welcomes tonight, March 25: Night of the Iguana, Pagan Saints; March 26: Penelope Houston, The Violets; March 27: Sue Foley, The Loved Ones; March 28: The Watch; Sister Midnight, Guy Smiley, John Moorman and Alison Levy. Mondays: Traditional Irish dance and music sessions beginning at 7 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday: Darts. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

Hertz Hall Wednesday Noon concerts March 31: Peggy Eagan conducts singers and musicians in Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas" UC-Berkeley.

MusicSources hosts the Carolinian Consort (soprano, alto, lute and harpsichord) from London on Sunday, March 28 at 5 p.m. \$15/\$12. 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. 528-1685.

Dark political comedy, "Crimes in Hot Countries," plays through March

27 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 7 p.m. Sundays. \$10/\$8. 549-0753.

Subterranean Shakespeare performs *Hamlet* at La Val's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley. Thursday through Sunday (March 27). Cabaret opens at 8:30 p.m. for dinner seating, performance at 7 p.m. Sunday shows at 1 p.m. \$8/\$6. 540-7743.

Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

Trash and Treasure sale on Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington.

"The Economic Policies of the Clinton White House" is UC-Berkeley Professor Richard Sutch's topic Tuesday, March 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Alumni House, UC-Berkeley. Wine and cheese; \$5/\$10. 642-1945.

Small Press Distribution hosts Paul Kealoha Blake and Laura Kealoha Yardley on March 26 on "Kanaka E Pono: Shapes and Sounds of Hawaiian Metaphors in the 21st Century." 8 p.m. \$4. 1814 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 549-3336.

Michael Parenti, author of *The Sword and the Dollar* speaks on "Conspiracy and Class Power" on Sunday, March 28 at 2 p.m. at West Campus Adult School, 1222 University. Suggested donation, \$5. Free parking. 845-4422.

Building Education Center will hold a free open house on "The Homeowner's Guide to Remodeling, Maintaining or Building Your Home" on Wednesday, March 31, 7-9 p.m. 812 Page St., Berkeley. Call 525-7610 for reservations.

International House continues its celebration of International Women's Month on Tuesday, March 30, 7:30 p.m. with readings by women about women. Audience members are invited to share their own materials.

Free composting workshop Saturday, March 27, noon to 2 p.m. at the Berkeley Farmer's Market at Martin Luther King Jr. Way Park, on Center Street between Milvia and Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

Retired Public Employees Association Chapter 20 will hear Audie Krause, executive director of TURF, on Tuesday, March 30, at Spenger's, 1919 Fourth St., Berkeley. Call 893-4761 for reservations.

Middle Eastern Dance Festival features belly dancing and shopping bazaar Friday, March 19 to Sunday, March 21 at Richmond Memorial Auditorium, 27th and Macdonald, Richmond.

Spirit Theatre Dance Studio offers "Beginning Belly Dance" with Maheia al-Ahwa Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. 1708 University Ave., Berkeley. 849-3232.

New Pieces classes—Tame Your Featherweight with Mim Vaeth, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 27, \$15; "Improve Your Stitches" with Danit Rofeh, March 27 and April 3, \$25; "Pinwheels" with Renee Hoffman, March 30 and April 6, \$25. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

Pesach holiday workshop is March 28, 3-5 at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Rabbi Einat Ramon will lead the community Passover workshop. Free; everyone welcome. Lunch and Learn: "Pesach, its meaning today" is Thursday, April 1, at noon. 848-0237.

Cajun culture and food and "An Introduction to the Mardi Gras" by Irene Tenney are on the program Sunday, March 28, 6-9 p.m. at Cajun Creole Cultural Center, 2915 Lorena St., Berkeley. Advance tickets only. 548-6149.

Empty Gate Zen Center holds a free public introduction to Zen with Jeff Kitzes Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m. 1800 Arch St., Berkeley. 548-7649. Everyone welcome.

Aerobics Instructor's Certification Workshop will be held Sunday, March 28 at University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Potential and current instructors welcome. To register call 800-237-6242.

College Women's Club, Berkeley Branch of the American Association of University Women, hosts a benefit fashion show Saturday, March 27 at noon at H's Lordships, 199 Seawall, Berkeley Marina. Call 845-8311 for

reservations.

Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph, Berkeley—Tonight, March 25: Christina Garcia, *Dreaming in Cuban*; March 29: Peter Lauffer, *Nightmare Abroad: Stories of Americans Imprisoned in Foreign Lands*. At 8 p.m. Poetry at Cody's (\$2 donation) on March 31: Glenn Luschei and Alice Wirth Gray.

Names Project Memorial Quilt will be on display at the Pauley Ballroom, Martin Luther King Jr. student union building, UC-Berkeley, on April 1, noon to 9 p.m.; April 2, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and April 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 540-0389 or 642-9480.

"Children of Fate," Sundance Film Festival award-winning documentary, will be shown March 28-30 at UC Theatre. 843-6267.

Berkeley Hiking Club. March 27, 28: Santa Cruz weekend offers two days of long and short hikes. Helen Wynne (843-5738).

Hands-on matzah-baking experience with the Model Shmura Matzah Bakery is available through March 28. For schedule call 540-5824.

Balinese Dance Workshop with Mimi Prather begins March 28 and runs five Sundays, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$45. Spirit Theatre Dance Studio, 1708 University Ave., Berkeley. 849-3232.

"First Aid for Everyday Living" is the topic tonight, March 25, 7 p.m., at Solano Avenue Natural Foods; March 27, noon to 3 p.m.: Wreath-making class, \$50. Materials provided for two wreaths. 1770 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6998.

Black Oak Books—tonight, March 25: Alan Lightman, *Einstein's Dream*; March 26: Caryl Phillips, *Cambridge*; March 28: Ben Sidran, *Talking Jazz*; March 30: Walden Bellow, *People in Power in the Pacific: The Struggle for the Post-Cold War Order*; March 31: Diana Hartog, *Polite to Bees: A Bestiary*, and Anita Barrows, selection of her works published in *Quarterly Review of Literature Poetry Series XI*. All at 7:30 p.m. 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 486-0698.

REI hosts tonight, March 25: Tim Keating on climbing and skiing at Mt. Shasta; Monday, March 29: Susan Thiele on "On Your Own in the Third World." Both at 7 p.m. Susan Thiele teaches "Map and Compass 101" with a seminar at REI on Tuesdays, March 30, 7-9:30 p.m.; Field session (optional) Saturday and Sunday, April 3-4, Mt. Diablo State Park. Advance registration required. Both sessions, \$50/\$60; seminar only, \$30/\$35. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

GAIA Bookstore programs: Thursday, March 25 (8 p.m.): Natalie Goldberg, "The Long Quiet Highway: Waking Up in America"; Sunday, March 28: Geoffrey Hill, "Illuminating Shadows: The Mythic Power of Film"; Wednesday, March 31: Anodea Judith and Selene Vega: "The Sevenfold Journey: Reclaiming Mind, Body & Spirit Through the Chakras." At 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1400 Shattuck, Berkeley. 848-GAIA.

City Commons Club luncheon speaker for Friday, March 26, is Jack Steller on "Middle East Developments." Reserve at 848-3533.

Birthways classes March 25, 7-8:30 p.m.: "So Many Decisions, So Little Time"; March 27: 1-2:30 p.m.: CPR and How to Childproof; Childbirth Preparation Class begins March 31, 7-9 p.m., continues for 5 Wednesdays. 869-2797.

Bardolators read Shakespeare's *Henry V* on Sunday, March 28, 2-6 p.m. 1201 Dartmouth, Albany. 526-3002.

Slide Show benefits Wildlife Clubs of Kenya. Sunday, March 28, 2:30 p.m. at Eighth Street Studio, 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. 653-2699.

Co-housing slide presentation Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m., \$5. 1250 Addison, No. 113, Berkeley. 549-9980.

Learning Center Open House for Literacy for Every Adult Project (LEAP) is Wednesday, March 31, 1-9 p.m. 307-8084.

Gathering Tribes holds an open mike for poets Friday, March 26, 7-9 p.m. \$3-\$5; Learn to make frybread with Maria Begay on Saturday, March

27. Preregister today for moccasin class April 1, 8, 15, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$35 plus \$20 for materials. Gathering Tribes, 1309 Solano Ave., Albany. 528-9038.

Turning Point Career Center offers a lecture/discussion on public interest and civil rights organization on March 30, noon to 1 p.m. \$3; Ongoing support group for jobseekers and career changers runs Tuesdays, March 30 to May 4, 10 a.m. to noon, \$30/\$45. Counseling session on career planning with Merie Sennett runs Tuesdays, March 30-April 27, 7-9 p.m. \$40/\$45. University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft, Berkeley. 848-6370.

Archery lessons in the classic Old English style of drawing bow are taught by Michael Lang on weekends in Berkeley. Call 841-7749 for information.

Libby Lehman talks to East Bay Heritage Quilters March 29 on "The Anatomy of an Art Quilt" at First Unitarian Church, One Lawson Road, Kensington. Non-members welcome. \$2.

Alta Bates Medical Center Ongoing older adult services: Blood pressure checks first and third Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m.; cholesterol checks, third Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; hearing checks, third Thursdays, 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Appointments necessary, a fee is charged); Foot and leg circulation screening, second Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. 204-4475.

UC Botanical Garden, Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley, presents Garden tours Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Dino Days garden tour daily through May 24. 642-3343.

La Leche League groups in South Berkeley meets 10 a.m. April 21 and May 19 at San Pablo Park Rec Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley. 849-4572.

Afraid of public speaking? Toastmasters can help. Thursday, noon to 1 p.m., 2151 Berkeley Way. 540-2477 or 528-4964.

Berkeley City Club: tours of its landmark building designed by architect Julia Morgan are the fourth Sunday of every month, noon to 4 p.m. \$1.50. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 848-7800.

Exhibits

"Ikut Weaving of Flores & Sumba, Indonesia" a benefit exhibit for the Flores women's weaving cooperative, is at Espresso Roma, 1549 Hopkins through April 1. 528-8010.

"Women of the World," a show of oil paintings by Gail Feazell, is at Cafe Ariel, 1600 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, through April 30. 845-4300.

Watercolor paintings by Leonore Millan, Abby Meyer, Bob Newhall, Jim Selby, A. John Kammer and Judy Drogen are on display at Si Mangia, 1098 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Through May 12. 843-4956.

"The Art-Bud Connection"—An exhibit of Insight Art including works by artists associated with La Reina Fabiola, a center for people with disabilities in Belgium, is at the National Institute of Art and Disabilities, 551 23rd St., Richmond, through May 7. 620-0290.

"East Bay Women Artists"—Youth to Maturity features paintings a sculpture by 11 artists through March 28. 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. 849-4967.

Graduate Theological Union shows a selection of recent painting by Hans Burkhardt through April 23. 2400

Ridge Road, Berkeley.

Weir Gallery presents "Spring: Rite and Renewal," paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture by varied artists through April 17. 1605 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 524-8821.

African fertility dolls and AIDS micrographic images by artist Odo Santiago are on display at La Pena through March. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

Quilts on the theme of Food! is the challenge exhibit at New Pieces Fabric and Chamber Music. 527-6779.

Refractions presents "From the Garden," photographs by Kyo Eshima through March 27. 600 San Pablo Ave., No. 105, Albany. 527-8664.

Judah L. Magnes Museum: "The Museum at Work: Making a Difference at Home and Around the World;" "Continuity—An Enduring Heritage: Recent Gifts and Acquisitions;" "Creation and Celebration: A 30th Anniversary Tribute." An exhibition of three large-scale mixed media works by Diana Schor created especially for this anniversary. Included are "Creation," "Tree of Life" and "Song of David." \$3. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

"Spirit Speaks," a showing of masks by Kaleo Ching and mixed media paintings by Mark Wagner, runs through April 22. Opening tonight, 6:30-9:30 p.m. with performances and poetry. Gathering Tribes, 1309 F Solano Ave., Albany. 528-9038.

University Art Museum: "New Asian Galleries" display the museum's Asian art collection. Gallery talks, Thursday 12:15 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Free with admission. \$5 general; \$4 seniors and students; free children under age 6. Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 642-0808.

Abstract paintings by Meri Ross on on display through March 31 at the Heller Gallery on the main level of MLK Jr. Student Union, UC-Berkeley.

Hearst (Lowie) Museum: "Too Good to Be True," through March 28. An exhibition of fakes, forgeries, hoaxes and deceptions that have plagued curators and collectors; "The Choir Invisible: Photographs of Western Cemeteries," through May 2. \$1.50 general; 50 cents senior; 25 cents children. Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. 643-7648.

Shoshana Greenberg, Adler Award winner, presents four mixed media pieces and a large installation at the Judah Magnes Museum through May 23.

Support Groups and Self-Help

Alzheimer's Association offers support groups throughout the Bay Area. For information, call (800) 942-1333.

Arts Anonymous, a support group for artists to share emotions and test material, meets Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Live Oak Park Recreation Hut, Berryman and Shattuck, Berkeley. 527-1243.

Brookside Hospital hosts the following support groups—Stroke, first Thursday, 7 p.m.; Burn, first Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.; Heart, fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Cancer, second and fourth Tuesday, 5:30-7p.m.; Ostomy, fourth

Monday, 7:30 p.m. 2000 Valley View San Pablo. Call 236-7008 for information.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Other Dysfunctional Families meet Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. Northminster Presbyterian Church, Ashbury between Central and El Cerrito. Free.

Women's support group for grain sufferers meets monthly in Berkeley. Call Nancy at 841-4747.

Type I insulin dependent adults, 18-40, are invited to a group second Saturdays every 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Youth Foundation in Walnut Creek. 937-3393.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets at Doctors Hospital on Wednesday of every month at 2151 Appian Way, Pinole. 724-2242. Asthma Support Group meets Monday of every month at 7 p.m. 2442.

Leukemia Society support groups for leukemia, blood disease, lymphoma and myeloma and their families meet in Berkeley on the first Monday of each month. Call (415) 543-9821 for information.

Cancer Support Group meets, caretakers, longterm and friends; every other Friday, 11 a.m. All Souls Episcopal Church, Spruce and Cedar, Berkeley. 9055.

American Schizophrenia Association—Alliance for the Mentally Ill family support group meets bi-monthly in the conference room at Herrick Hospital, 2001 Dwight Berkeley. Meetings are free and open to anyone. 841-8361.

Overeaters Anonymous (Cerrito) meets Tuesdays, 5 p.m. at El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton. 273-4242.

Overeaters Anonymous (Albany) meets every Saturday to aid to those with eating problems. 10 a.m.; newcomers meet at John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave. 273-9292/841-4545.

TOPS—Take Off Pounds by—meets each Monday 9:30 a.m. at 980 Stannard bany. 527-8372.

Heart Talks are held the Tuesday of each month at 6:30 Brookside Hospital Auditorium, Vale Road, San Pablo. 235-7295.

The Referral Source meets Thursday at noon to exchange referrals, networking and information. 743-4971.

Secular Organizations for Bereavement (S.O.S.) meets Mondays at Berkeley/Albany Recreation Center, 2126 Sixth St., and Tuesdays 9:30 p.m. at Berkeley Unitarian Children's Center, 1806 Bond. 2221.

Bereavement support groups for newly widowed men and women meet weekly in Berkeley. Call 459-5839 for information and ter.

The Bay Area Migraine Chronic Headache Support meets weekly in Berkeley. Call 459-5839 for information and ter.

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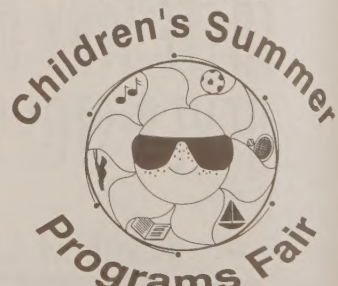
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Albany veterinary practice continuing as a family affair

When John Hoowon Kim was a veterinarian in Korea, his specialty was large animals, particularly cows.

Actually, he says, he was fascinated by cows. In fact, the reason he came to this country was to go to the University of California at Davis to study cows in depth.

But events changed his life and his focus, and John Kim is now a veterinarian in Albany where, at Hillview Veterinary Hospital, he treats dogs, cats, an occasional bird — and no cows.

Young Sook Kim is John's wife. (Young is her name, not a description, although with her laughing face and merry eyes, she is that, too). Young came to the United States 16 years ago with her family.

Her degree from UC-Berkeley is in art, but, fortunately she "likes kids and dogs a lot" because Young, too, works at the Hillview, an active partner with her husband.

Oh yes, and the "kids" part refers to their two sons who keep her busy the rest of the time. She says she would love to practice in art in her free time, "but I just don't have any free time."

The two met and married here, but spent their early married years in Southern California, where Dr. Kim worked. But their hearts were here, and when they learned that Dr. H. Schwab was selling his practice, they came up to see about it. The couples formed a quick and lasting friendship, and the Kims purchased the business.

Mrs. Schwab worked with her husband and encouraged Young to do the same. "She taught me a lot," Young says, fondly. And John Kim tells us that Dr. Schwab still visits the business often, and has been a continuing source of help and advice.

Environmental group says lead shot pollutes

A Bay Area environmental group threatening to take legal action against the Richmond Rod and Gun Club unless trap and skeet shooters refrain from using lead shot in their recreational shooting.

San Francisco BayKeeper announced Tuesday that it will sue the gun club under the provisions of the Clean Water Act if toxic lead shot is not banned within 60 days.

BayKeeper, a citizen monitoring organization working to reduce pollution in the San Francisco Bay, also seeking a complete ban of lead shot at other gun clubs in the area. Lead shot has been banned for use in hunting, but is still allowable in recreational trap and skeet shooting.

BayKeeper claims that this recreational shooting has dumped large amounts of toxic lead into the bay and wetland areas, threatening populations of ducks and birds that feed and breed in these areas.

Michael Lozeau, BayKeeper's legal counsel, says the group will join forces with Clean Water Action and other environmental advocates in pressuring the Regional Water Quality Control Board to prohibit the use of lead shot in trap and shooting around sensitive wildlife areas.

Lung Association Day at races slated

The American Lung Association of Alameda County once again has chosen National Secretary's Day, April 21, as a special day for enjoying some thoroughbred horse racing at Golden Gate Fields in Albany while contributing to the support of the association's lung health programs.

"A Day at the Races" tickets are available at \$25 each by phoning 495-5471. The price includes seating in the Turf Club and a buffet lunch.

"We think an afternoon at the track offers an excellent opportunity for supervisors to give some special recognition to key staff people," said Carolyn Bovat, executive director of the Lung Association.

"At the same time, by participating in this event they also will be helping the Lung Association in its fight against lung disease and air pollution. And of course, the tickets are available to all — not just members and secretaries."

"We had to work hard," the Kims says, smiling, "because we had to keep up the fine reputation that he had." And they relate his kindness in writing letters to his clients, and even filling in for John when the Kims took a much needed vacation.

In Korea not many people keep cats, so the Kims had had little to do with the feline population. "I saw them and had a chance to touch them, but never had had one," Young explained adding, "We always had dogs." They were amazed to find that cats were so popular here. "Here almost everybody has a cat in their house." And now they love cats and cats seem to love them. "They brush up against us, and purr," they say.

Dr. Kim has seen a lot of changes in the ways animals are treated in the six years he has been in practice. Fifteen percent of the cats have FIV, he notes,

which may have been true for much longer than they know since it is only in the last five years that they have been able to test for the feline version of HIV. He hastened to add that the virus cannot be transmitted to humans. "The animals can be born with it if one parent has it, or it can be transmitted from cat to cat in saliva."

Leukemia, too, is common in cats, and they recommend shots every year which can protect more than 90 percent of the cats.

Young Kim is the friendly, compassionate person who meets their patients and their masters at the front desk. In fact, says Judy Potter who first called me about this interesting couple, Young Kim sometimes goes to pick up people who have no transportation, especially the older people or people who need help.

"I don't mind doing those

things if I can help." Young answers, "We get to know our clients and their pets and it really makes us feel good if we can do something for them. It's more friendship than doctor and patient."

At home, in addition to two boys, the Kims have a dog, cat and a rabbit. One of their sons wanted a ferret, but that is illegal. "He is very good with all animals, and is very interested in protecting wild animals." At this point he wants to be a biologist.

Sometimes sons Patrick and David come in and watch the surgery, and their father explains to them what has happened. They also help by taking dogs for walks, which is done twice a day. When they get older, their mother says, they will work in the kennels.

It is Patrick who wants to be biologist (he was named Patrick because he was born on St. Pat's

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser



day). David wants to be a vet so he can "help his dad when he gets older."

The boys go to school in El Cerrito where last year Patrick won a \$250 prize from Chevron for his water-saving poster. Since both parents are interested in and have ability in art the boys also are artistic.

But Young does not want them to go into art. "While I was in school I really suffered," she said, and "I don't want them to suffer as I did." She hopes, though, that they will continue their drawing as a hobby.

No world-shaking activities here, but a portrait of a warm, loving, compassionate family doing the things they do well and doing what they can to make it a warm and loving world for others.

Thank you, Judy Potter, for calling me about the Kims. I was delighted that you joined us for the interview.

And I invite all of you to give me your ideas: interesting people, events, organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

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By John McNulty

Possessing one of the Bay Area's great water views is an old habit of Hs Lordships Restaurant (199 Seawall Drive, on the Berkeley Marina; 843-2733). The restaurant also offers big banquet rooms, plenty of parking and spacious dining rooms and a lot more too. Why serve well prepared lunch, brunch or dinner at low prices when you provide so much here already? Well, keeping a large restaurant busy is a demanding task. The early bird diners served daily from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. are a super value — would be even without a dynamite view.

Crab cakes are delicious as appetizers and an ample selection of seafoods is served for dinner.

You can find a lot of good leads for good eating at reasonable prices when you listen to Russ Riera's Saturday KGO radio program. WoM told you first, but if you missed Riera's show a couple of weeks ago when he praised Gold Coast Grill (1901 Park St., Alameda, across from Ron Goode Toyota; parking; 522-5388), he supported our comments. The food there would be hard to beat at twice the price.

Asmara Restaurant (5020 Telegraph Ave., Oakland; 547-5100) specializes in Ethiopian dishes for both lunch and dinner. The spacious and comfortable dining room features a friendly beer and wine bar where coffees and natural fruit drinks are also served.

Remember those aromatic restaurants where waitpersons brought bread, tureens of soup, antipasta and a lot more to self-serve family style? That kind is hard to find these days. A new twist on this theme is the long established Via Veneto (5356 College Ave., Oakland, between BART and Broadway; 652-8540). The menu is large and mostly Italian. If you like German dishes, just ask the waitress or waiter.

Customers walk up the steps and into the rustic yet homelike dining rooms of Piemonte Ovest (3909 Grand Ave., Oakland; 601-0500) to find the foods of Italy. The building actually was once a home and later the Mesa restaurant. Now inside and on the patio lunch and dinner is prepared by classically trained chefs.

A great place to stop off before a movie, or after, is Pronto Espresso (3306 Lakeshore Ave., Oakland; 834-4308). Nothing like a coffee pick-me-up or dinner. Try one of their delicious Panini.

Watch your language when you enter Soul Brothers Kitchen (5239 Telegraph Ave. at Claremont Ave. and 52nd, Oakland; 655-9367). The sign prohibits profanity. Just pay attention to the seafood selections and you'll do just fine. Creole and Southern style cooking of oysters, catfish, crab, salmon, frog legs, redfish, lobster and trout — all together in gumbo.

"Pizza a la Emeryville," one of Colors Cafe-Rotisserie's (5900 Hollis St., Emeryville, near Chalkers; parking; 655-7100) smoked chicken specialties combines spit roasted chicken, cilantro-pesto, mozzarella, jack cheese and roasted red peppers. The brunch served there week-ends is a winner. Try the Swedish Oatmeal Pancakes with their Lingonberries and Creme Fresh. Call it "Emeryville" or any other location... like "world class."

Our favorite oasis rendezvous is Ali's Restaurant (385 Colusa Ave., Kensington; parking 526-1500). Seems this intriguingly designed and decorated restaurant and bar just keeps getting better. Weekday lunches and after work piano bar retreats are newish offerings there. The restaurant offers world class Moroccan and middle eastern foods.

Serving tempura-like fried foods is Dragon House (1647 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 528-1299.) The Szechuan and Hunan dishes are prepared freshly and very affordably here. Dragon House welcomes take-out orders with a discount price. Remarkable prices, these.

Art's Crab Shak (4031 Broadway, Oakland; 654-2864) cooks a lot of crab. Fresh garlic and herbs are used in a saute, and cooked "Garlic Crabs" are sold by the bucket.



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Survey tests Californians' views on garbage

The California Integrated Waste Management Board has announced plans to ask every California household to reduce the amount of trash it produces to save landfill space and conserve resources.

A public education campaign—*Save Less (Waste) Behind for Future*—is now underway. The board plans to use television, radio and promotional techniques to motivate Californians to take personal responsibility for the

garbage they generate so that future generations won't pay for the mistakes of the present. The board will distribute to cities and counties an informational tool kit to help drive the message home at the local level.

"We must change the way we look at garbage and take responsibility for reducing the amount of waste we create," said Board Chairman Michael R. Frost. "By adopting a few of the simple waste

prevention techniques presented in this campaign, each of us can help solve California's solid waste crisis."

Public Resource Code 42600 requires the board to establish a statewide public information and education program to specifically encourage consumers to reduce waste and business and industry to reduce excess packaging.

The campaign follows quantitative and qualitative research on

consumers' willingness to change buying habits. The effort culminated in a marketing research study in December, which showed Californians are now ready to go beyond curbside recycling to help the state achieve its 50 percent waste reduction goal by the year 2000.

The research indicates consumers are receptive to adding other waste reduction practices to their lifestyle such as buying goods in recycled containers; buying reusable

goods; buying products with less packaging; using fewer disposable items; and composting, to name a few.

The board retained the West Coast's largest general marketing research company, Lieberman and Associates, to assess consumer habits and attitudes. The firm telephoned 1,100 Californians. The survey has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

Adults 21 years old or older who

do the grocery shopping for their households were asked eight questions dealing with their current buying practices.

How have California consumers changed their attitudes about waste?

A statewide "waste prevention" poll was taken for the California Integrated Waste Management Board by Lieberman Research of Los Angeles. More than 70 percent of Californians polled say they are "more concerned" about the garbage crisis today than they were a year ago and are willing to reduce the amount of trash they generate and buy more recycled products.

What brought about this change in attitude?

Local government agencies, who have been working to meet their part of California's goal to divert 25 and 50 percent of our waste by 1995 and the year 2000, have played a major role in helping consumers understand the severity of the waste problem.

Then why is the IWMB conducting a public education campaign?

Seventy-one percent of all Californians polled said they believed that reducing their own garbage was very important. However, the survey suggests they need more information on what is actually causing the problem and how they can help.

A disturbingly high number — 65 percent — believed that the number one problem was disposable diapers, when in actuality disposable diapers represent less than 2 percent of the waste stream. Fifty-seven percent thought the number one problem was junk mail; 49 percent thought it was paper packaging; 32 percent said newspaper and 18 percent said grass clippings. In actuality, paper and yard waste account for over two-thirds of all waste.

Our public education campaign will help local agencies correct the perceptions and teach consumers the most effective waste reduction tips.

With so many people in California recycling, why do we still have a waste problem?

Curbside collection, buy-back and drop-off recycling programs have made an impact reducing the disposal of CA Redemption beverage containers, newspapers, glass jars and other standard recyclable materials. But that is only a small percentage of our waste stream. 81 percent of all waste still ends up in the state's landfills.

A majority of those polled felt they could have a moderate to strong impact on solving the waste problem, but half could not identify any other solution but recycling.

What is the other solution for consumers? Waste prevention. When prompted with waste prevention solutions, Californians polled said they would be willing to buy products in recycled, recyclable, or refillable containers, buy products with less packaging, and buy products in bulk which are of equal quality as those made from virgin materials.

Do you predict a consumer impact on business?

The consumer's improved view of recycled-content products is an extremely significant finding. In previous studies we had heard that recycled content products were of inferior quality. In the last few years, however, the quality and range of recycled products has increased and consumers seem to have taken notice, judging from our polling response. That means that businesses with products made of recycled content may have a marketing edge over its virgin-product competitors.

Part of our public education campaign will call on consumers to write to manufacturers who practice good waste minimization packaging and conversely, to send post cards to those who, in their view, overpackage their products. Many manufacturers have already begun to this. The Board receives calls from the public asking how they can contact manufacturers.

Can individuals really have an impact?

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However, a close-up inspection reveals that the new model is surprisingly different and mechanically developed.

The SHO (Super High Output) Taurus which I tested is the "hot rod" of the Taurus line and is only available as a sedan. Under the hood lurks one of the most powerful V6 front-wheel-drive motors ever offered.

Until this year it had only been available as a five speed stick but now for '93 a four-speed automatic is finally an option.

The Ford Taurus has become one of Ford's great success stories, with good reason.

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In '89 Ford introduced the SHO version of the popular sedan to compete with the sporty sedans from BMW, Mercedes, Saab, Audi, and the like.

Surprisingly, the Taurus SHO is "one heck of a car." Its performance envelope brings it into a shoulder to shoulder comparison with any sporty four door sedan on the market except for two \$50,000-plus BMWs.

Its price tag in the mid to high \$20,000 range beats virtually everything within range of its price category, hands down.

What makes the SHO so different from the pack is its packaging and performance mixture.

Under the hood lies a stylistic-looking 24 valve four cam V6 built by Yamaha.

Initially Ford proposed that Yamaha should prepare a trick head and induction set up, but eventually Yamaha designed and manufactured the complete motor.

It uses all the latest high-tech design functions mixed with the now-traditional Japanese reliability



Auto Scene
DAVID FETHERSTON

ity element.

Its elaborate looking 3-liter power plant uses dual fuel injection runners to give the 220 horsepower motor a smoothness that is only generally found with large capacity V8 engines.

Plant the foot on the throttle and the SHO will smoke the front tire down the street with 0 to 60 time around six to seven seconds. This power is produced by an advanced engine design which uses the best current high-tech engineering available.

With its elaborate intake system looking like a layout that Porsche would produce, the dual plane fuel injection system is mated to four valve combustion chambers which help the motor produce a near perfect power curve.

This translates into a smooth and tractable engine for the street and highway, which delivers its power in long stretches up to its maximum rev limit of 7,300 rpm.

Its 220 horsepower are delivered through a five speed transaxle which is the only transmission available on the SHO version of the Taurus.

While the shifter has a slightly indistinct feel in its lower gears, it functions fine and with ease. Top speed is claimed to be in the low 140s.

It does not take long to realize that driving the SHO feels just like any family automobile should. All the controls fall to hand and it is an easy and pleasant vehicle to command.

Its power capabilities are at the demand of the driver. If you want hard and fast acceleration it's there; you just have to use the engine's upper rev limit.

Unlike many of the European sports sedans, the SHO does not "beat you up" on broken pavement



1993 saw a major redesign of the Ford Taurus. The new Taurus "SHO" offers one of the most powerful V6 front-wheel-drive motors

and after long trips leave you feeling like you've been riding a food processor for the past five hours.

Getting this quantity of power on the ground was no simple feat. High horsepower and front-wheel-drive generally do not mix well, but Ford's SHO engineering team has meticulously cleaned up the front drive's traditional wheel hop and torque steer.

The steering still delivers a fine level of road feel, while the suspension puts the power to the ground without doing anything other than propelling the vehicle forward.

The SHO has been set up with firm suspension settings, but it still offers an excellent level of ride comfort and interior quiet, with the standard Goodyear 215/60R-16 tires contributing greatly to much of its ride and handling qualities.

A quick run to the coast and back lets you realize how well the SHO is organized and equipped.

The four-wheel disc brake package stops with a firm punchy steadiness, while the sedan cuts up the corners like a well-seasoned high wire act, effortlessly gliding from swing to swing.

At the limit of its handling capa-

bilities, it will eventually under-steer, like all front-drive cars.

But to find that limit, the SHO needs to be pushed into territory that even good drivers need not visit.

While this new Taurus has been cosmetically revised, the SHO comes with its own body style revisions with an even more "aero" nose, side rockers and "duck tail" rear spoiler.

Unless you see an LX Taurus and a SHO together, it's hard to tell the difference, but there is plenty, including a new front air dam with integrated fog lamps and 16" alloy wheels.

Inside, the dash is special to the SHO with functional instruments and a leather bound SRS (air bag) steering wheel embossed with "SHO."

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As a test, I drove a '90 SHO to compare the upgrading of the '93.

The seating in the new version is less chunky and has improved support, while the gear shift and clutch feel are light years head on the new model.

Standard features include SRS driver's side air bag, ABS brakes, air conditioning, power windows, seats and door locks, cruise control, AM/FM stereo radio with four

speakers, power mirrors column.

If you are shopping in the 20's for a sporty family offers safety, great handling performance, then don't miss a SHO.

Ford has done its homework the SHO.

It's a model I have recommended to friends who even after 40,000 miles.

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The state Department of Motor Vehicles is asking motorists to move to new residences to let the department know so vehicle registration renewal notices can be delivered on time.

DMV Director Frank Zolin says his department sends out mail renewal notices each month, and 50,000 billing notices are undelivered because the DMV did not have the individual's correct address.

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East Bay Events This Week



Allen Nomura

Allen Nomura and Joshua Francisco of Kulintang Arts, performing this weekend in the Bay Area Dance Series (see below).

Kulintang Arts continues Filipino dance tradition

The Bay Area Dance Series continues this weekend with Kulintang Arts performing with guest artists Enrico Labayen and the Projek. Kulintang Arts will premiere *Alleluia Panis' Diwata*, based on the myth of the Philippine goddess who showed villagers to dance music using stones and sticks. Enrico Labayen and the Lab Projek, a company from the Philippines, will perform *Unearthing*, a group dance on white sand, based on the burial practices of a southern Philippine tribe; and *Man*, a solo performed on two hanging ropes. The performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St. at Ninth St., Oakland. Tickets are \$5 to \$14, available through BASS/TM (762-BASS). Call 950-9500 for more information.

Cantare Con Vivo in American music

The 40-voice East Bay choral group Cantare Con Vivo showcases the breadth of American music Friday at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, Durant at Dana, Berkeley. The program consists of Copland's *In the Beginning*, for mezzo-soprano and unaccompanied chorus; hymn "Turn Ye, Turn Ye," written while he was in his teens; and works by Barber, "Under the Willow Tree" from the opera *Vanessa* and "The Coolin'" (The Fair Haired One). Also scheduled are pieces by Waller and Hoagy Carmichael, a medley of rock hits, and folk ballads and spirituals. David Morales conducts. Tickets are \$5 to \$8, available at the door.

Blue Rose Theater in 'I Hate Hamlet'

The Theater of the Blue Rose presents Paul Rudnick's *I Hate Hamlet*, a comedy about a soap opera star who, about to play Hamlet, is haunted by the ghost of John Barrymore. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday the next three weekends, with a 3 p.m. matinee Sunday, March 11 to close the run. Tickets are \$5. The theater's at 2525 14th St. (between Parker and Dwight), Berkeley; 540-5037.

Two groups at Keystone Korner Yoshi's

Jazz in Flight and AsianImprovArts (sic) presents the Ancient Ensemble (koto, cello, flute, tabla) and the Great Wall Ensemble (piano, bass, drums) next Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Keystone Korner Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. Tickets are \$6 to \$8; 652-9200.

Two evenings of jazz theater

Vocalist and songwriter Bijia Solomon performs original songs, jazz and theater, featuring pianist Art Lande. The program blends jazz, musical theater and pop. The first performance is Thursday, March 18 at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. at Anna's Restaurant, 6420 Shattuck Ave., Oakland; 655-5900. The second performance is Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. (one assumes intermittently) at The Lobby, 5612 College Ave., Oakland; 547-9152.

Soprano at Ristorante Venezia

Soprano Jaime Bonetto performs opera selections between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. this Sunday at Ristorante Venezia, 1799 University Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-4681 for more information and reservations.

Nicaraguan composer at La Peña

Luis Enrique Mejia Godoy, Nicaraguan composer and singer, performs Sunday at both 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at La Peña Cultural Center, 1850 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Luis Enrique is known for his combination of Latin jazz, palo de mayo and calypso rhythms. He was also an official in the Ministry of Culture in the Sandinista government. Admission is \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance; phone 849-2568.

English consort in 17th-century music

MusicSources, the Center for Historically Informed Performances, presents London's Carolinian Consort (soprano, alto, lute, harpsichord) in a program of 17th-century English music ranging from Dowland to Purcell. Titled "The Royalist Connection," the program explores the relationship between Charles I and the music that surrounded him and the courts of the 17th century. A reception follows the performance, which is Sunday at 5 p.m. at MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. Admission is \$15 (\$12 for members). Call 528-1685 for reservations.

Geoff Hoyle in benefit for St. Paul's

The Berkeley Repertory presents comedian Geoff Hoyle in a benefit performance of his *The Convict's Return* Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison, at Shattuck, in Berkeley. It's an open dress rehearsal for Hoyle, who's taking the show to Chicago. It benefits St. Paul's Episcopal School, in Oakland. Tickets are \$50 to \$100; call 287-

'Swing Kids' doesn't rise to its subject

By Renalta Polit

What's remarkable about *Swing Kids* is that it ever got made: a serious American movie about Nazism, masquerading as a retro swing musical? Fat chance!

Movies

What's unremarkable about it is almost everything else.

Which leaves me with a serious case of ambivalence about *Swing Kids*, directed by first-time feature director Thomas Carter and produced by Walt Disney.

Disney was also behind last year's *Newsies*, a picture similarly combining song-and-dance with political content, which gained similar luke-warm-to-ice-cold reviews and quickly ascended into movie heaven (i.e., the video store). The same fate is likely to meet *Swing Kids*.

The movie is set in Hamburg (though filmed in Prague) in 1939. Teenagers Peter (Robert Sean Leonard), Thomas (Christian Bale), and Arvid (Frank Whaley) are part of a clique infatuated with American swing music: They buy the latest smuggled discs by Benny Goodman, Count Basie, et al., and hang out at dance clubs.

Arvid, who has a crippled foot, plays a mean jazz guitar. Because of jazz's "Negro" roots and its black and Jewish performers, the Nazis regard it with disfavor. For their part, the young people regard the Nazis with scorn and have managed to avoid joining the obligatory Hitler Youth.

Until Peter gets into a scrape with the law, and is bailed out by an admirer of his widowed mother (Barbara Hershey), a Gestapo honcho played with maximum sleaze by Kenneth Branagh, strangely unmentioned in the credits or the press kit. Peter is forced to join up, and Thomas joins to keep him company.

Though naive and ready to believe some of what the Hitler Youth trainers tell him, Peter manages to keep his distance from



Hamburg teens defy Nazism to pursue a 'Negro' art form, in 'Swing Kids.'

most of the Nazi doctrine.

Thomas, however, soon converts: He gets off on the uniform, the motorcycle he's given, and, above all, the power of his new position as enforcer of Nazi rules and intimidator of those who break them.

The seductiveness of a powerful political movement is shown in other ways: Films and rousing speeches flatter the young people, now part of an "idealistic" movement. Some of the adults, like the Branagh character, are also swept up by the party's rhetoric.

Peter's mother, on the other hand, is a pragmatist; to her, Nazism means safety, not to mention the wine and other goodies her Gestapo admirer can provide.

I don't remember an American film in years, if not decades, that's taken on this subject. But if only it were a better film. I don't know what's worse about *Swing Kids*—its implausible scenes or its predictable ones.

In the well-shot musical se-

quences, all the youngsters dance like pros, even Evey (Tushka Bergen), Peter's love interest, who, for the movie's first half, neither knows nor cares about swing. That love interest, by the way, is simply dropped about 10 minutes later; these adolescents are so wound up in jazz that they seem to have passed up sex.

Predictably, each dance hall scene is followed by a Gestapo

raid, and one chase actually barrels through an open market, causing the customary toppled fruit stands. Oh, please!

The dialogue rings false in almost every scene, and events, like a suddenly appearing letter from Peter's dead father, seem plopped in out of sheer desperation.

If you can overlook all this, the music and the film's politics may save it for you.

Art fraud under investigation

Bay City News Service

Federal agents are investigating a widespread art fraud case in which hundreds of California residents may have been conned into buying bogus 20th-century prints from a well-known art gallery chain.

U.S. postal inspector James Tendick said today that Donald Austin, doing business as Austin Galleries Inc., was indicted last week in federal court in Illinois in connection with the sale of

counterfeit limited edition fine art prints. Austin Galleries has three outlets in San Francisco.

According to the indictment, Austin devised and participated in a scheme to defraud his customers by selling them forged limited edition prints by Picasso, Joan Miro and other modern artists, portraying them as authentic, hand-signed works.

Austin is believed to have sold more than \$3 million in fraudulent works, according to the indictment.

Dance series provides diversity of visions

■ It's a crime that the future of the Bay Area Dance Series is in doubt.

By Renee Renouf

The Bay Area Dance Series, now in its eighth season, is proceeding under the joint clouds of lack of private foundation support and the subsequent decision of its artistic director, Jose Maria Fran-

Dance

cos, to resign at the close of this season.

These facts are both sad and shameful. The series has provided a production venue with taste, imagination and an unpretentious presentation in a warm, intimate and excellent small theater, at

Laney College. The series has hosted, even made possible, some of the liveliest contemporary dance theater in the Bay Area.

Three separate weekends of performances seen were San Jose Taiko, the opening weekend, February 12-14; three women choreographers, Feb. 26-28 (seen at dress rehearsal) and a trio of male choreographers March 12-14. The aesthetics were highly varied, the conceptual, visual and kinetic textures were prolific and the energy rampant.

The young male choreographers March 12-14 were diverse in personal vision: Richard Chen See with a vision shaped by Chinese overseas ancestry in Jamaica; Neil Marcus by the onset of dystonia at age 10, and the highly tensile suppleness of

Robert Henry Johnson.

Chen See's "Shapeshifting," using six dancers performing to J.S. Bach's *Concerto for Clavier and Strings*, provided classical tones to an ensemble of five flecked with Balanchine influences.

Where Chen See differs is in the texture of execution, with crossovers in movement: Brian Fisher echoed passages which might normally be executed by women, and Aileen Kim displayed body rolls and anguish of a strength usually connected in ballet with the distraught masculine.

Chen See moved in and out of his Royal Ballet classical foundation, both tribute and departure. The simple full skirts of the women occasionally were lifted,

pressed or held with a touch of coquetry, while Brian Fisher's trousers and shirt was casual afternoon attire.

His presentation of classicism fairly burst with tactile awareness yet demanded an effacement considered traditionally Chinese. Chen See's future classical essays should be fascinating.

Chen See's solo was performed to a soliloquy of Matthew Soyster. Soyster recited first off-stage right before wheeling himself downstage right as Chen See graphically portrayed the emotions, panic and physical disarray of someone losing muscular command of the body.

"Red thread" with some editing could easily become one of the genuine portraits of East-West

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Della Davidson thrives on challenge

By Ariel Parkinson

The bigger, richer, more elaborate or profound the concept, the better choreographer Della Davidson does by it. *Monster Dolls*, premiered at Laney College March 19, has the requisite density and scope.

Dance

Squirmy automatons, the dancers, bring in faceless, beautifully articulated muslin dolls that write and wriggle equally vividly and furiously. Flung downstage in a row, they sit out the ensuing mayhem, an impassive chorus, Trimmers, the unborn, faceless.

Can just five dancers so fill the stage? It is a Brownian movement of casual encounters—shoves, rolls, belly-flops, spastic embraces, random kicks—to the driving hard-rock beat of Glenn Branca's "Devils Choir at the Gates of Heaven." At intervals,

dolls and dancers interact. It is not the movement of the primordial soup. It is *The Day After*.

Ms. Davidson and her inspired collaborators have produced an authentic vision of Hell. David K.H. Elliott's well-placed instruments make an elegant and foreboding *szt* out of Laney's upstage wall. The white figures, lit from the side, have maximum sculptural quality against rich darkness. His drastic and insistent use of complementary color, red and green, keeps the stage image at once spare and ample. It is the world of traffic lights with all the signals changing at once.

And the world of the FM Band, of Commercial Television, of Supermarket Shopping, of The Office. No stops, no downers. Go. The dancers are different only in degrees from the mannequins. They are "faceless."

There is, in fact, one reality. Bigger than life, he is at once passive and resilient. He is sick, "das

kranke Tier." One eye is swollen shut. The other eye, ringed by its white lids, has the black inner gaze of the extremely old for whom vision is more of a reach than past forward.

The one visible cheek is gaunt and furrowed. His mouth is open in anguish and in horror. He is martyr and witness to what has come to pass, the measure of betrayal.

Visual design, presumably the props and costume, is by Sandra Woodall, and it is brilliant.

Monster Dolls is preceded by *Tongues*, a witty sequence of couplings to more or less cryptic cadences in several languages. Love in, or rather *to* French is almost too easy; Japanese invokes a playful *pas de trois*; love to Genesis, Chapters 2 and 3, is downright uncomfortable. I guess.

The last piece is *Shrine*, presented as a companion to *Monster Dolls*. After her magnificence in

Dolls, Davidson does taper off, in spite of a fine score by Arvo Part performed by the Kronos Quartet. In movement nothing much is going on, and they do it again and again. There is no image.

Dante had the same problem. The multifarious cast of the *Inferno* is inexorably etched into the cultural continuum. Who can evoke a real memory from Paradise?

Program notes include special thanks to John Woodall, who has, indeed, worked with telling images.

The dancers are first-rate. After years of devoted effort to the Bay Area Dance Series, Jose Maria Francos as impresario is leaving in a blaze of glory.

Last week's program (Richard Chen See, Neil Marcus, Robert Henry Johnson) and this week's collaborative *Dolls* are the deep joy, the discovery, the astonishment that art is all about.

East Bay Events continued



Flutist Priscilla Call, left, and harpist Wendy Tamis perform Mozart's Flute and Harp Concerto this Saturday (see below).

Oakland Civic Orchestra playing Mozart, Weber, Schumann's 'Rhenish'

The Oakland Civic Orchestra, the volunteer group organized last year, performs three well-loved orchestral chestnuts Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Redwood Heights Community Center. The program consists of Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Harp (with flutist Priscilla Call and harpist Wendy Tamis), the overture to Weber's opera *Der Freischütz*, and Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 3 in E-Flat Major, the "Rhenish." Enric Andrew Zappa conducts. Admission is free. The Redwood Heights Center is at the Redwood Road exit of Highway 13, just west of the highway. For more information, call 530-0231.

'West Side Story' at Skyline High

Skyline High presents Bernstein's *West Side Story* Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the school's auditorium, 12250 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. Tickets are \$5 to \$7. The live orchestra is conducted by Leonard Wong; Richard Pryor directs. Vocal direction is by Sherry Sinkler-Wright, choreography by Dawn James.

Identify your art treasures

The Oakland Museum offers you a chance to get an appraisal of those mystery art items. Experts from Butterfield and Butterfield will identify and value ceramics, glass, metal, textiles, bookbinding, jewelry and paintings. The cost is \$7 per object (\$5 for museum members), with a limit of five objects per "household." It takes place in the Great Hall Low Bay from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The museum is at 1000 Oak St., Oakland; phone 238-3005.

Evening of art inspired by music

The Lillian Paley Center for the Visual Arts presents "In Honor of Euterpe: Art Inspired by Music" tomorrow from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The juried exhibit runs through April 13; tomorrow's program features music by the Simonds-Perkoff Duo (violin and cello) and Celtic guitarist Dave Ogden. Admission is \$10 (\$18 for couples). The Center is at 713 Washington St., Oakland; phone 451-6300 if you plan to attend.

Flute and piano music at Coffee Mill

Kate Steinbeck and Lori Lack perform flute and piano pieces by Copland, Bolling, Herizee and others Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Coffee Mill, 3363 Grand Ave., at Elwood, Oakland. Admission is \$10 (\$7 for students); phone 465-5236.



The cast of 'Tickle Tune Typhoon,' a Seattle-based singing group that is the next in the Kidshows Performing Arts Series for Children 3 to 8. They sing about caring for the Earth and its creatures, racial and gender respect and loving acceptance of all humanity. The production includes a colorful band and lively choreography and (as can be seen) fantastic costumes. This prize-winning group performs at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$6. Call 84-JULIA for more information.

Visions...

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encounters in the human psyche. The part that works is the opening with Chen See asleep on a table bed worth of Chinese Opera while Pavarotti's full-bodied voice sings from Puccini's *Turandot*.

Chen See twists and turns in his sleep, manipulating between the two-layered table and sees his Chinese grandmother. Some speech evokes her memory and the ghostly protective phrases of her traditional beliefs. Barbara Montero effectively evoked the restrained benevolence of this ancestry.

The section which did not work was the monologue which carried Chen See from his Chinese shelter through his experience in Europe. The exposition of experience contributed less to understanding than the wonderful romps he had with his male collaborators.

The first was Western style contact improvisation of the macho variety, heavy duty on encounter and sheer strength and vitality. The second encounter was shadow boxing, t'ai chi and akado in its exposition of yin-yang, forward, sideways, feint and counterfeint. These three sections possessed a goodly measure of magic. For the rest, leave us guessing, Richard.

Neil Marcus was supported by Remy Charlip, Paul Cotton and John Ingle in "The Art of Human Being." After suffering from dystonia at age 10, Marcus underwent 3 brain surgeries. The third restored a shadow of what must have been distinct agility and articulation.

Marcus' comments, together with a series of compelling color slides of him in movement, were

augmented by music and three supportive men who articulated Marcus' sometimes partial statements.

Marcus described his observations of people's reactions to his movements, which are mostly spastic and irregular, and to his speech, articulated with enormous effort. For all that, virtually nothing daunts his wit or intelligence, let alone the light in his eyes.

"I can teach you to read a storm," Marcus intoned with the aid of his three collaborators. At his beck and call, choreographer-author-artist Remy Charlip took Marcus' place in his wheelchair and attempted to imitate Marcus' spastic movements. Charlip got rated "F" by Marcus: "not distorted enough, too cute, etc."

The most touching part was Marcus' account of a therapist's affirmation following an attempted suicide at 16. "She kissed me. She kissed me all over, she kissed my hands, she kissed my arms, she kissed my shoulders. A perfect stranger made love to me."

Marcus was overwhelmed, exhilarated and released by the wisdom of this woman and the audience with him.

Robert Henry Johnson, possesses one of the most talented, classically trained bodies to be seen dancing in this area. It is so supple it is tensile in accent and surely is one of the most sensual in expressions and seductive in quality.

His sextet in "Hemisphere" moved with swoops, glides, spinning turns, high exclamatory extensions and lateral grand jetes all over the place.

The press notes indicated Johnson was interested in depicting a stream of the unconscious. His realization was highly successful. As a theme it provided a raison d'être to brilliant phrases, episodically delivered, overlapping at random.

Double bill for Berkeley Opera

The Berkeley Contemporary Opera presents two works beginning March 30.

Jorge Liderman's *Antigona Furiosa* moves the story of Antigone to a modern Buenos Aires cafe. Peter Maxwell Davies' *The Lighthouse* turns a real-life story—of three light-

house keepers who disappeared in 1900—into study of psychic disintegration and terror.

Performances are March 30 and April 1, 2 and 3 at 8 p.m.; and April 4 at 3 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Theater. Call 84-JULIA for reservations or more information. Tickets are \$6 to \$25.

Piedmont choirs, pianist join Oakland East Bay Symphony

Pianist Nysa Lane, a junior at Piedmont High, will be featured in the April 3 concert of the Oakland East Bay Symphony. The concert also features the Piedmont Boys and Girls Choir.

They will perform Beethoven's *Fantasia in C Minor* for Piano, Orchestra and Chorus. Also known as the "Choral Fantasy," the piece is one of sublimest—and looniest—composed by Beethoven. It begins as a seemingly free-form improvisation for solo piano. Then the piano is joined by the orchestra, and the piece continues as a sort of piano concerto.

Then four vocal soloists join in, followed by full chorus for a finale as rousing as (and similar to) the composer's Ninth Symphony.

The concert also includes premiere of Daron Aron's *Symphony No. 2*, Dvorak's *Slavonic Rhapsody* and Vivaldi's *Concerto in G*. Young musicians from the Bay String Programs will perform with the orchestra in the Vivaldi Williams piece. OEBS director Michael Morgan conducts.

The OEBS concert is at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the Cal Simmons Theatre in the Kaiser Convention Center, 10th St. in Oakland. Tickets range from \$10 to \$35 and are available through all BASS/TicketCity outlets or from the Pasadena Theatre Box Office, 2025 Broadway, Oakland; phone: 465-1111. Fifty percent discounts are available to students.



West Side lovers

The star-crossed lovers in 'West Side Story' get ready for another try at happiness. See the results as Skyline High School brings this classic musical to the stage for three nights this week—Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the school auditorium, 12250 Skyline Blvd. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids under 12. It features a live orchestra and, for one, you are guaranteed actors who are the right age for the roles.

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Calm prevails at Telegraph Avenue discussion

Almost-united front forms to save popular ave

Julie Freestone

Three hundred people jammed a community workshop at Trinity Methodist Church in Berkeley last week to participate in an extraordinary dialogue on embryonic plans to improve Telegraph Avenue.

The meeting, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, drew a diverse audience including homeowners and People's Park activists, merchants, senior citizens, students, professors, longtime residents and newcomers and city and university officials.

Besides hearing the city recap a series of recommendations developed last fall by Mayor Loni

Hancock's special task force, participants also described their own visions and concerns for the Avenue, which has been plagued by violence and dissent for years.

In welcoming the participants, Hancock said, "There is a role for everyone here to play in bringing those dreams (described in the recommendations) to fruition."

The 54 recommendations, broken down into actions that could be taken immediately and those that might require more time, address programs for youth, social services for adults, effective law enforcement, urban design, improving People's Park and developing a long range vision and values for the areas.

Hancock described Telegraph Avenue as a "microcosm" of the problems facing the larger community and expressed her hope that implementing the recommendations would benefit all of Berkeley in the long term.

Calling the area, which is one of

the busiest commercial districts in the city, "one of the most diverse" in Berkeley, Hancock focused especially on the recommendations related to youth programs, which she said were the "heart and soul" of the proposal.

"They need a sense everyone in the community is invested in their success," she said, adding that some kids now feel safer coming to Telegraph Avenue than they do hanging out in their own neighborhoods since their is such a highly visible police presence on Telegraph.

But that increased police presence, which grew out of riots over a year ago, was also criticized by some of the audience, who expressed concern about the interface and coordination between Berkeley police and officers at U.C. Berkeley.

One of the evening's most heated speech was delivered by Russ Ellis, vice chancellor for Undergraduate Affairs at UC-

Berkeley.

Pointing out that he is also a resident of Berkeley and a parent, Ellis called on the diverse elements of the community to work together to preserve Berkeley's uniqueness and address its problems.

"We are being tested as a caring community," he said. "The issue is whether we want to continue the (unique) values. We have an urban social movement on our hands. It doesn't get us anything to spend the rest of our lives in recrimination. The responsibility of this community is ours. It's our job to cause this community to work."

The audience applauded when Ellis asked the group to "stay the course," and concluded with the question, "Could we model another way of living, with a large heart, together?"

But what was perhaps the most profound input on shaping a new order on the Avenue was provided by the residents organized into small discussion groups.

In a group that included professor of anthropology Paul Rabinow, Cody's bookstore owner Andy Ross, developer Denny Abrams and many local residents, the discussion turned, as it did in other groups, to safety issues.

"Five hundred people are taking the streets from us and describing how 70,000 people will use it," said Abrams, adding, "I want to see this city get its streets

back."

Ross said the merchants were key to making that happen. "I'm interested in seeing that we have a commercial renaissance."

But for the most part, many of the suggestions were positive, pragmatic and even creative. People's Park activists proposed a farmers' market to show residents the park belongs to everyone.

The group discussing urban design proposed tree planting, benches and flowers to improve the ambiance.

Rabinow, who said he had lived in big cities around the world, said Berkeley was one of the few cities with an urban ambiance and it has to decide if it wants to protect it.

"We're faced with simple choices. We're either going to become Palo Alto or remain a city. We have to decide if we're going to be a yuppie suburb or a city," he said.

But Rabinow, pointing out "We're just talking about one damn street," echoed the concern nearly all of the other participants were feeling when he said, "We can't have tolerance for guns, drugs and sexist attitudes. We have to get tough on crime."

Many of the residents reiterated Hancock's stand on the importance of youth programs, calling for a planning process that would involve kids and for tapping the

Some people were angry. One homeless advocate pointed out the evening meeting hadn't been

planned to accommodate people who had to get to shelters by 9 p.m. in order to secure beds for the night.

One merchant, shaken by violence and vandalism, called for increased law enforcement, even if it meant a police state. Another participant pointed out the audience was largely white and could not address the problems adequately. talent of the thousands of U.C. students.

"Offer credit for student involvement," suggested one group. In the end, the city did not explain to the group what would happen next, although Martin Ross, president of the newly formed Telegraph Avenue Association, said his group intends to spearhead the implementation process, drawing in representatives from all parts of the community and seeking funds from a variety of sources.

Summing up what he thought the evening had accomplished, the city's coordinator for Telegraph Avenue, Steve Belcher said, "It reinforced the direction we're going. This whetted the appetite. People were willing to talk about the issues."

Belcher said he thinks there is a prevailing mood now that something isn't working on the Avenue and it's time to try something else.

"The city and the university aren't going to make it work," he said. "This (the people) is the nucleus for self-help."

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Vista College offers Rome photography class

Vista Community College in Berkeley announces a two-week photography study trip to Rome this summer. Dates are June 17 to July 1.

The trip is open to the community and anyone age 18 or older is welcome to participate. Both amateur and experienced photographers are eligible. Accompanying non-photographer friends or family are also welcome.

The program will be under the direction of Bay Area photographer and instructor Dorothy

Mayers, instructor of photography at Vista College and former professor of art education and photography at the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland. She is also director of photography Seminars International.

The group will be housed at Casa Kolbe, a small family-styled hotel, centrally located within walking distance of the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, the Church of St. Peter in Chains, Michelangelo's Capitoline Hill and other major sites. Weekdays will consist of morning walking excursions with guide, allowing plenty of time enroute to photograph at a leisurely pace.

Afternoons are at leisure for personal interests such as independent photo work, additional sightseeing, or relaxing in a sidewalk cafe. A full-day excursion to the Etruscan ruins is also incorporated into the program.

Color slide film may be processed at a local lab, and the instruc-

tor will meet with the participants in the evening to review work in progress. Students may work in color slide, color negative film, or black and white, but only color slide work will be processed and evaluated while in Rome.

Price for the two-week stay is \$1,545 per person. This includes accommodations, all meals, transfers, morning photography walking tours, full-day Etruscan ruins tour, evening group photo critique sessions, taxes, insurance, and all academic fees. Airfare is additional.

Readers may obtain a detailed brochure by contacting the Coordinator of the College Summer Study Abroad Program, Marty Sarbey de Souto, at 841-8431, Ext. 213. Or, they may contact the trip instructor at her home office at 525-5454. The travel agency handling all travel and housing arrangements is Harvest Travel in Emeryville.

Alta Bates lays off 30 staffers

Alta Bates spokeswoman Carolyn Kemp said that the Berkeley medical center will lay off 30 employees because revenues are not covering expenses even though hospital admissions were up 5 percent last year.

Kemp said hospital executives originally planned to lay off 104 full-time employees, but were able to reduce the number to 30 by being "creative," such as reducing hours for some employees and not filling vacancies.

"Any cutback is bad, but at least this cutback isn't as bad as

first foreseen," she said.

The 30 employees who were laid off this month and will be laid off the end of April comprise about 1 percent of Alta Bates' total work force of 2,800 employees, but Kemp said the layoffs will impact everybody at the hospital. She said the layoffs will be in all areas but are particularly heavy at the management level so patient care won't be affected.

She said hospitals are facing the same difficult economic times faced by most businesses in the country.

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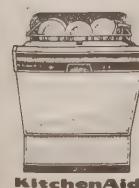
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School district episode leads to police charges

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — An Albany high school teacher this week charged that Albany Unified School District Supt. J. Dale Hudson became enraged, knocked him against the wall and to the floor in the district offices Monday following a discussion of school-related business. Hudson emphatically labeled the charges "not true." He refused further comment, except to say the alleged incident is a "personnel matter at this time."

David De Hart, chairman of the Albany High social studies department and president of the Albany Teachers Association, said he dropped by Hudson's office Monday afternoon to inquire about a scheduled meeting. De Hart said he remained in the office doorway during the discussion. Hurling epithets an angry Hudson suddenly rose from his desk, "barrel-

led through the door, got in my face, knocked me against the wall and down to the floor" causing minor injuries, De Hart said.

A call to the Albany police by a school district office employee brought two or three police cars to the scene, De Hart said. Albany police chief Larry Murdo was "unwilling to discuss" details of the alleged, incident, having turned the result of the local police inquiry over to the Alameda County District Attorney's office for criminal investigation and to the Albany school board for administrative review.

The Albany police report will be made public when the district attorney's decision on the validity of the charges is made, possibly early next week, according to Murdo.

De Hart said the executive board of the Albany Teachers' Association will consider further action on the charges.

Blotter

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28. ●An El Cerrito officer found two stop signs knocked over and spray painted at 12:49 a.m. on March 2. They had been intact at 8 p.m. on March 1. The signs are new and apply to north-bound and south-bound traffic at Richmond Street and Schmidt Lane.

●Arrests were made for possession of rock cocaine for sale, possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, possession of methamphetamine (three incidents; one suspect also had a large amount of cash), possession of syringes, possession of a concealed dagger and base cocaine, possession of a possibly controlled substance and possession of a loaded firearm.

●A Richmond female was arrested for possession of a loaded handgun under the driver's seat. She was also determined to be driving under the influence and with an expired license.

●A Richmond woman was arrested for driving under the influ-

ence after she was involved in an injury accident at San Pablo Avenue and Moeser Lane at 2:35 a.m. on March 7.

●Someone spraypainted and defaced the exterior of N.E.K. insurance during the night of March 13. Someone forced open a garage door in the 5300 block of Cypress Avenue at about 12:30 a.m. on March 16.

●A residential burglary was reported in the 3400 block of Yosemite Avenue on March 8. A juvenile suspect entered the residence, distracting the victim. A second suspect ransacked the bedroom, taking cash and electronic goods. Two suspects were identified but not arrested.

●Someone took a lawn mower from a Tulare Avenue garage (2600 block) during the night of March 10. Tools were taken from a storage locker in the 3200 block of Yosemite on the evening of Feb. 28.

●Someone entered an unlocked home in the 100 block of Pomona

Avenue while the resident was in the rear yard. Loss of credit cards was reported. The Emporium Hayward store called to report use of its card.

●Property thefts from vehicles were reported on the 2600 block of Brooks Avenue during the night of May 3 (a briefcase), the 1600 block of Julian Drive on the evening of Feb. 26 (briefcase, gym bag), the 7200 block of Schmidt Lane during the night of Feb. 28 (clothes, a book bag), the 5300 block of Cypress Avenue on March 12 (firearm, tapes), at Pomona and Eureka Avenue on the morning of March 15 (attempted made; alarm went off), and at El Cerrito Plaza on Feb. 15 (indash stereo).

Also reported stolen was a license plate on the evening of March 4 (from a lot in the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue); compact discs were taken the same night from a car in the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue.

A taillight was taken from a car

in the 10800 block of San Pablo Avenue on March 4; all the tires and rims were taken from a car parked in the 2300 block of Tamalpais Avenue on March 4.

A large number of items were taken from a vehicle in the 1000 block of March 10 before an attempt was made by BART police. An attempt was made to steal an in-dash stereo from a car in the 1700 block of Schmidt Lane during the night of Feb. 28; when the attempt was successful, the burglar smashed the steering column.

●Shoplifting arrests were made at Target (a Richmond store), Emporium (a Richmond store) and the Foodbowl (a Richmond store) juvenile).

●There were eight arrests for driving with a suspended license, five for driving with no license.

●El Cerrito officers gave a woman aid assistance to the Richmond station.

●A fight began at Lucky's when one customer hit another with his shopping cart.

Fire district

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discussed the difficulties the fire department has faced over recent months, then challenged specifics in the report paragraph by paragraph.

Perhaps one of the strongest complaints in the report, for example, was the difficulty encountered in obtaining relevant information and records.

A detailed list of calls and visits to the fire district was attached to the report documenting "problems we had" in obtaining information, some attempts at which were "futile."

In addition, said the report, "We were not allowed access to any public records without the chief's presence at the fire station."

In response, the Treese said that the fire district board had assured the KPOA records were available but that patience was needed, since only the chief had access to them, and he was very busy. (The chief's office manager has been out for a

number of months; he has taken on secretarial duties.)

He referred to the demands to see the district records that kept growing and growing, even when the information went back some period of time.

Treese said the records were kept under (his) lock and key for security reasons. Most records, he said, are open to the public but must stay in his possession and may be reviewed only at his discretion.

Treese also said he had made every attempt to answer all the questions of the group posing them but that inexperience in fire operations resulted in some confusion about the answers.

In other cases, Treese spoke more strongly about details in the report.

Responding to the statement that "there are advantages to the employee to take disability pay rather than sick leave" (after a statement that four employees drew on

workman's compensation in 1992), he said, "this simply is not the truth," noting that employees are docked for sick leave they use, while full compensation for job-related injuries is required by the California Labor Code.

The KPOA report was quite detailed in its analysis of a number of aspects of the department's organization, from uniform allowances to retirement issues. Recommendations for change were just as specific.

In general, Treese responded to them by saying some departmental practices were required by law (specifically those related to recommended changes in workmen's compensation policies), that Kensington Fire District practices are in keeping with those found elsewhere (as in sick leave accrual), and that certain changes could be negotiated with labor representatives at the appropriate time if necessary.

In some cases, he spoke to confusion or irrelevance in the conclusions.

One recommendation, for example, was that no part of health insurance be paid for those who have worked less than 10 years for the district (already the case, said Treese) or for part-time employees (there are none, he said).

In other cases, he accused the group of twisting the information. In reference to salary comparisons, for example, he said that "the KPOA has reported amounts that fit their criteria but are not altogether truthful."

"How does the KPOA make these outrageous statements without explaining their findings?" he asked.

But at the beginning of his report, Treese talked about the deteriorating relationship between himself and one of the board member's active in gathering information.

He said his reaction was not hostile but was a frustrated one.

Aside from specific responses to specific statements and recommendations, Treese's analysis of the report was that miscommunication on the part of the KPOA board started things on a downhill trail and that "conclusions reached reflected the personal animosity between the person making those conclusions and the fire chief."

In addition, Treese said that confusion, particularly about "the laws that the district must operate under," and inaccurate reporting of statistical information influenced the recommendations made by the report.

Firefighter Bob McLendon, active in the United Professional Firefighters Association Local #1230 as Kensington's representative, agreed that "the initial contact (of the chief and the board) didn't get off on the right foot."

"There appeared to be personal-

ity clashes that negatively influenced the audit that was done," he said.

McLendon has himself been into communications with KPOA representatives. "There's been more dialogue, there's a better understanding of operations here now," he said.

On Tuesday, KPOA president Ken Aitken agreed that "relationships between the fire department and the KPOA are good right now," adding that acting chief has stated that records are open and that "the records are easy now."

He also said that the board by its report but that the animosity or hard feelings between members and the fire district also reduced the essence of the report to what he sees as a goal.

"All we're trying to do is the board to take over the district, rather than the managing the district," he said.

Letters

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Supreme Court validation. We are told our City Council is not accountable and therefore should be denied further redevelopment activity.

What we are not told is that Richard L. Gann, son of Gann of Jarvis & Gann, is part of the two-thirds vote requirement coalition, a shield for wealthy property interests. We are not told he helped "bribe" us small property owners in order to save hundreds of millions for large property owners, thus creating a huge tax inequity in state financing and helping to cripple city government. We are not told that a local citizens task force studied local redevelopment and recommended it continue, with certain reforms, and that the City Council has announced the creation of a citizens' advisory committee for redevelopment.

Gann does not tell us that the Redevelopment Agency is a legal entity separate from the City. Nor that it serves as the economic development arm of city government; nor that one of the agency's major goals is to encourage new retail and commercial development to produce sales tax revenue for the city's general fund. No mention is made of

the numerous successful projects of the agency.

I am returning my Gann petition in his prepaid envelope, with the request that he let us run our own business as we see fit.

Art Schroeder

Do you understand?

Editor:

Just in case the El Cerrito City Council still doesn't get it, let me make it real simple.

Fire services are basic city services. They should be paid for out of the city's general fund, not special taxes.

After two unsuccessful tax grabs in the name of fire services (first, the Fire Suppression Benefit Assessment and then, Measures H, K, and L), this should be perfectly clear: NO SPECIAL TAXES FOR FIRE SERVICES.

What part of "No" don't you understand?

Tony Silva

Ballot

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for the general election at its Feb. 18 meeting. (A third member of the board resigned in early February.)

Fire district director Martin Knight, who is president of the board, and director Ben Young signed the proposed ordinance, which will go into effect on July 1 if approved by Kensington's voters. The ordinance would amend the maximum amount of tax now allowed under Ordinance No. 80-02, which was established in 1980.

The directors had determined that the revenues provided from ad valorem property taxes and the special tax now provided under Ordinance No. 80-02 would not be sufficient to support fire protection services at their present level in 1993/94 or thereafter. Reductions in revenue formerly received from the State of California are expected again this year. While the Sacramento budget is an unknown at this point, it's possible that reductions in financial assistance to fire districts may be significant, even disastrous.

While some Kensington residents would have preferred a "wait and see" approach, leaving open the possibility of a November ballot measure, the board felt it was best to move ahead now.

California law authorizes local governments to adopt special taxes for fire protection with the approval

of two-thirds of the electorate. Recently, El Cerrito voters supported a special fire tax by 59 percent. It did not go into effect, however, since it fell short of the two-thirds requirement.

Should the ballot measure be supported by two-thirds of Kensington's voters, it will set a maximum limit for fire taxes. The exact rate will be determined by district estimates on the need for revenue. The authority to set the tax up to the new maximum will last for three years. After that, barring another election, the rate limits will return to those now imposed.

Should the maximum amount be levied each year, the district has estimated that it would receive about \$600,000 in additional revenue annually.

But the KFD board of directors has said it is committed to imposing a tax rate that is no higher than necessary to provide a quality level of services. Should revenues increase or expenditures be reduced, it's the board's stated policy and intention to reduce the tax rate, even if that means lowering it beneath current levels.

Kensington firefighter Bob McLendon said Monday that county Local 1230 supports the tax. McLendon co-chairs the union's Fire District Revenue Committee, which works with local and state

governments, fire districts and the public to ensure stabilized funding for fire protection.

"We don't support taxes they're not needed," McLendon said. "It's a difficult decision to go to the public to ask for more money, especially in a district like Kensington that is so well. The citizens have given us the utmost respect."

"But we do support taxes when necessary," he said, that in this case, "if the money makes good on its proposition, we'll lose 55 percent alternative funding is in place could lose our existence."

People need to understand the maximum rate is not number, said McLendon. The police tax, the maximum authorized may not always be required.

What the district must do is replace the in-the-penses from this year and next year's expenses. If the money left over, it can be back to the taxpayers.

"The Fire Department bated the tax twice that I have said."

McLendon added, however, the local would definitely be those "watchdogging" the tax should the new proposal pass June.

"We definitely won't get money that's not needed," he said.

New Perspectives

Coming to terms with eating disorders difficult

By Lisa Wendell

Q: My mother has always been overweight but I never really thought much of it until I heard about a friend who was hospitalized for bulimia. I don't think my mom has actually ever deliberately thrown up after eating, but she has gained and lost weight often over the years. She does sneak food and I have caught her eating cookies or ice cream and chips alone in the kitchen on several occasions. Is there such a

condition as food addiction that is similar to alcoholism?

Food addiction is considered, like alcoholism, to be a progressive disease beginning, in its earlier stages, with overeating for pleasure, or in response to stress, and moving to its more problematic level which includes binge eating, hiding food, worry over the next meal and, for many, self-induced vomiting. In the last stage the individual appears to become what, when and how much to eat.

Suggest to your mother contact Overeaters Anonymous for the days and times of introductory support group in your area.

Questions in this column asked by students, parents and other clients of New Perspectives, a non-profit drug counseling service based in Lafayette, serving schools in Berkeley, West Contra Costa County. Physicians or therapists should be consulted before acting on recommendations in this column.

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Walter Mitty,
columnist

I am your guest columnist this week. My name is Dennis Mitty and I am a high school basketball coach at Holy Names High in Oakland. This column came after weekly discussions with your regular columnist, Peter Mentor. I was given the option of either writing this column one time or having to write Peter's columns for an entire year. The choice seemed easy to me.

Kudos to our local teams who made it to the Northern California High School basketball playoffs: Belmont of Oakland girls, the Clymonds of Oakland boys, Bishop O'Dowd of Oakland boys and girls, Head Royce of Oakland and Berkeley's girls, who made it to the Northern California Division 1 finals. Speaking of Berkeley, coach Gene Nakamura, staff and players once again played how strong and consistent the Berkeley girls' program has been over the years. Each year opposing coaches have been saying that the Berkeley girls will be as strong as the year before because of graduation, and each year they come back to be in the top Cal playoffs. Great job.

If any of you watched any of the Division 1 girls' playoffs, you will be impressed with Brandy of Balboa High. This 6 foot 4 girl is clearly the class of the Northern California girls' playoffs. She can do it all — play guard, shoot the 3, rebound, and up — my only regret was I missed her selling programs all time!

Here's hoping that she can continue as focused in the classroom as she is on the court (she is academically ineligible most this year) because I believe she can play at the next level whenever she wants.

Speaking of staying focused, the MARCH MADNESS is what are most of us "hooper" fans do? Unlike Tony of the Montclair, I am bringing myself to follow the game.

How can anyone get excited about a sport like baseball? Well, you give the other team a run, and then your team goes to bat. When your team is one against nine ... if a foul ball hits the FOUL line it is a FAIR ball (is this to confuse you?) ... and if you are successful 3 out of 10 times, you are a candidate for the Hall of Fame.

Good thing that there are softball spring leagues and other leagues. Anything to get through until the '93-94 season!

Where anyone else out there is amazed at the salary structure of professional athletes? Well, they are entertainers — not athletes. Jimmy Jackson of the Los Angeles Lakers just signed for the remainder of this season for a record \$2.6 million. Problem is the team only has 26 games left. Quick math tells me that he will make \$100,000 per game. The first game he scored 5 points — that's \$20,000 per point — with some height, more money, better hops and a jump shot could be so lucky!

Then again, Jimmy Jackson probably would like to be the columnist for Peter just one day. I guess it all evens out in the long run!

Thanks to Peter and the staff for allowing me the opportunity to fulfill another "Walter Mitty" dream that I have. I always give Peter a bad time about how easy this job is — going to go to sporting events (baseball) for free and then writing about them; piece of cake. We should all be so lucky!



O'Dowd's Andy Steinkamp checks Berkeley's Jonah Hendrickson

Jacket lacrosse on the way up

Five players make All-Tournament in San Diego

By Peter Mentor

Berkeley lacrosse had questions. They may have found some answers.

The Yellowjackets flew down to San Diego for a tournament over the weekend looking to see if they return to the form they achieved last season. They didn't win the tournament, but they did return with the feeling that things were getting better.

This season did not begin on a high note and it was difficult thinking back to the past when Berkeley came within a few minutes of a trip to the state finals. Last spring the Yellowjackets had a lead late in the Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association regional finals in the fourth quarter, but eventually lost to Northern California champion St. Ignatius.

Making it to that game was a milestone for Berkeley, but trying to get back looked impossible as of

last Wednesday. That was when the Yellowjackets were blown out 10-4 at home by Bishop O'Dowd, one of the chief rivals Berkeley must face in league play this season.

In that game, O'Dowd jumped out to a 4-0 lead and was threatening to shut Berkeley out in the first quarter until senior Ben Cukierman scored on a feed from Jacob Zim with 47 seconds left. The Dragons scored with four seconds remaining in the quarter and led 9-1 at the half, ensuring another big win after knocking off St. Ignatius a week earlier.

O'Dowd led 10-1 late in the third quarter and Berkeley got a goal from Zim and two more from Jonah Hendrickson to soften the blow. The loss had Berkeley head coach Rob Gillies shaking his head without a clue of what to do. After the game he wondered out loud what changes he could make to help his team and couldn't think of

any.

By Thursday Gillies had some ideas and on Friday he made the changes needed before traveling down to San Diego for the two-day tournament.

It was simple really. Junior midfielders Zim and Gabe Noble moved to attack, while senior attackmen Lucas Goettsche and Josh Wright switched to the midfield.

"We changed our formation slightly," said Gillies. "We moved two midfielders to attack, which allowed us to move our two attackmen up to m.f. field. We fiddled with the formation."

The result was a smoother running offense and some decent play from a team that was in disarray three days earlier. They didn't win all their games in San Diego, but they may have found what was needed to salvage the season and possibly climb back to the top ranks

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Rugby — it's 'a man's sport'

By Peter Mentor

Mention the sport of rugby to an American and images of football without pads and Andy Capp running over one of his English mates for the ball come rushing to mind.

It's hard for a society of football lovers to imagine a sport where opponents play without pads, tackling each other with brute force or locking heads in a scrum. So when students from Berkeley, Piedmont, Bishop O'Dowd and other Bay Area schools met to play each other at Berkeley in a mini-tournament this season it may seem odd that no one got hurt.

The game is an oddity to most American's eyes, but it is a staple of the English sports scene. There are some around here who would like to see it become more established in this area.

Rugby players like to think of it as the thinking man's football. Although women do play the sport, many of the players commented it was a manly sport to play. Some players do it for something different, while others are interested in the exertive qualities.

"I do it to get in shape," said Berkeley junior Wayman Blocker, a 5-10, 190-pound player. "This is a man's sport. It takes a lot of strength and agility and you have to think. You run a lot and you feel good when you play. It's fun. If a lot of people knew more about it they would want to play."

The game is not as difficult to understand as many would believe,

although mastering it could take a lifetime. A brief explanation states: "Rugby is similar to American football, the differences include: No forward passes, no blocking of opposing players, play does not stop when a player is tackled, and any player may kick ahead for territory and can maintain control with a

'If a lot of people knew more about it they would want to play'

—WAYMAN BLOCKER

well placed kick."

Yeah right. The game is like football only in that players try to get the ball down the field and score over a goal line and the scoring is similar, but movement is a lot more free-flow as in sports like soccer and lacrosse. There are no set plays in rugby, but there is strategy in advancing the ball by getting it out to the quicker wings who have no protection from getting tackled. It doesn't matter when you go down, because play keeps going until someone scores or the ball goes out of bounds.

The object of rugby is to get the ball up the field and across the opponents' goal line and touch the ball down to the turf for a "try" or score, which is worth six points.

After touching the ball down a player attempts a one-point conversion, kicking the ball from a line 25 meters out and perpendicular to where the score was made in the end zone.

The scrum, short for the English scrummage, occurs when a minor infraction happens. That's the part where players lock heads in an oblong circle and fight for the ball with their feet. One player tosses the ball down an imaginary line through the center of the circle. Only the player in the middle of the scrum from each team can attempt to hook the ball with his foot to regain possession.

Imaginary lines come into play a lot, but they are not unlike the line of scrimmage in a football game or the offside line in a soccer game. The offside penalty is a major infraction as are dangerous plays, high tackles and unsportsmanlike conduct. Penalty kicks come from these and a team can either kick for a three-point goal through the up-rights (like a field goal), kick for touch, or tap the ball through to resume play.

Why would a player kick the ball forward? In a way it's like the forward pass only done with the foot to advance the ball quickly without the danger of being tackled. A player can kick the ball ahead and catch it himself or a player can run from behind him to catch the ball.

The chances of getting hurt are probably less than in football.

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Baseball Roundup

By Craig Wiens Pinley

Pitching was in vogue for area teams during the past week as a pair of St. Mary's sophomores and two Albany High School juniors tossed strong complete-game efforts for their respective schools. Meanwhile, Bay Valley Athletic League rivals Berkeley and El Cerrito take most of the week off from action after ending pre-season with .500 and above records.

ALBANY/EL CERRITO

Junior righty Matt Bartolome got Albany (2-5-1 overall, 2-0 league) off on the right foot in East Shore Athletic League play, throwing a complete-game one-hitter and fanning eight in a 3-0 win over host St. Elizabeth's. Bartolome also scored the only run his team would need in the first inning.

The Cougars, who scored single tallies in the opening three frames, got RBI from Jaime Steffens (in the first), Dov Sims and Shaun O'Deady while getting a season-best eight hits overall. Steffens and Ryan Holt had two hits each for the winners, which played host to Richmond in a makeup game last Monday.

"It's a good way to start league," commented Albany coach Dave Gaskins after Friday's victory. "Bartolome threw a good game for us. He started getting tired in the sixth and seventh innings, but sucked it up and bore down when he had to."

On Monday Albany defeated visiting Richmond 15-1 as Josh Hoffman (1-0) tossed six innings of two-hit ball, striking out 12 Richmond hitters. The Cougars got three hits a pices from Steffens, O'Deady and two-for-two efforts from Dante Troupe and Sean Piffen to lead their 17-hit attack.

Jesse Quay and Ko Douglas added two-run hits for the host school, which scored four runs in the second inning, three in the third and five in the sixth.

Albany, which played host to Encinal yesterday, travels to Salesian in ESAL action tomorrow at 3:30 before playing Wednesday at Alameda at the same time.

EL CERRITO

After a 10-7 non-league loss to Fairfield High School last Friday, the Gauchos' pre-season record stood at 5-2 with league play starting in five days. For coach Dennis Abel, March has been a good month for his squad, which won just one pre-season contest a year ago.

"Considering the fact that we've played some fine clubs, 5-2 is pretty good," admitted Abel. "We go into the practice season trying to get everyone time to play and we've done it. We've been able to do a lot of things."

Ace pitcher Kwanza Graggs (2-1) had a rough outing, giving up nine runs in five innings of work as the visitors racked up a 13-hit effort. A five-run fifth doomed the Gauchos, who led 6-2 after two innings.

After trailing 2-0, El Cerrito scored three first-inning runs, two coming in on Dennis White's two-run single. Fairfield scored another two runs to take a 4-3 lead, but the hosts got another three-spot in the second as Corey Baker was hit-by-pitch, Royce Rose and Jesse Lucas dropped bunt singles down, Melvin Russell delivered a two-run single and Joe Pearce scored a run with a groundout.

The final run of the contest for El Cerrito was scored by Pearce, who reached first on an error and later scored on a single by Mike Hughes. Hughes had earlier stolen home for the Gauchos' first run. El Cerrito hosts Pinole Valley at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday in BVAL action, then hosts Ygnacio Valley Thursday at the same time.

ST. MARY'S

Eleven days ago, the Panther pitching staff was taking a beating, giving up 10 runs per game. Not anymore. Mike Sanders (1-2) tossed a three-hitter in a complete-game 3-1 loss to host Bishop O'Dowd of Oakland Friday.

Meanwhile, fellow sophomore Josh Eveland won a 4-0 decision over visiting Kennedy High School of Richmond Saturday with a five-hit beauty to raise St. Mary's record to 3-6 overall, 1-1 in ESAL action. In the past three games, the Panther pitchers have allowed just four earned runs.

"Kennedy's always been our nemesis, so I'm pleased with the win," said St. Mary's coach Bob Cruz. "Our sophomores are pitching their hearts out and we're playing error-free ball. Now we have to get runs for them."

Against Kennedy, Eveland (eight strikeouts, one walk) and Corey Hunter dueled on the mound, combining for 16 strikeouts and matching zeroes the final six innings. However, the Panthers pushed across four first-inning runs, more than enough for Eveland.

Carey Reeves led off the St. Mary's first frame with a single and stole second, eventually scoring on an Ivan Lewis single. After Fernando Rey Cruz delivered a single, Lewis came home on an error and Kamau Edwards brought home Cruz and Malcolm Breau with a single. From then on, Hunter settled down, allowing just three more hits. Edwards had two hits for the winners, who play at Richmond tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

Against O'Dowd, St. Mary's scored a third-inning run to take an early lead, then watched the host Dragons score one in their third and two more in the fifth to take control. Lewis and Cruz had the Panther hits, both in the third frame. Lewis scored on David Adame's grounder to second, which was botched for an error.

BERKELEY

Senior Ryan Connors-Copeland won his third consecutive decision for the Yellowjackets (3-3), who beat host San Rafael last Tuesday by a 6-2 count in a game which was called after five innings due to inclement weather. Connors-Copeland struck out five Bulldogs in the contest while allowing just two hits.

Reggie Santa Cruz had two hits for the Yellowjackets, who took an

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O'Dowd shortstop Eric Olson misses tag on St. Mary's runner Kwall Washington in last week's game

Rugby

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Players don't run through the middle with blockers, they sweep around the side and lateral the ball back to teammates to get the ball up field like a long sweep in football that keeps on going. Hard tackling does occur, but as soon as a player goes down he tries to get rid of the ball to his side.

Berkeley has five coaches, including three 1986 graduates and a 1987 graduate from the school. John Somers, an English-born player, gives the team his flavour for the game. Berkeley has 19 players and the team plays 10 games a year. Berkeley held a tournament last week with Piedmont and Lamorinda, a team made up of players from Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda as well as Bishop O'Dowd in Oakland.

In one game Berkeley senior Jihad Akbar, a defensive player heading to Cal this year on a football scholarship, showed his speed with a breakaway score. He dodged a player on the opposite side of the goal line, finally remembering to touch the ball down to the ground. Like many of the players he is still trying to get the rules down.

Jeff Lemelin, a senior at Piedmont, has played for two years and is entering his third on his team called the PITS, for Piedmont International Touring Squad.

"A friend did it," said Lemelin on his introduction to the game. "I started when I was a sophomore. This spring is my third year. I play wing."

There are a few different positions with the backs usually big and strong, while the wings are more fleet of feet. Lemelin, a 6-0, 175-pound athlete, has size and speed.

"I don't know if we'll have a team next year," said Lemelin. "We have a lot of guys, but we can't have all backs."

Berkeley junior Jeffrey Jayan plays scrumhalf and was also introduced by a friend, who can only watch.

"This is my first season," said the 5-2, 105-pound Jayan. "I started with my friend Charlie Fernandez. He broke his leg in a preseason



Berkeley's Wayman Blocker gets tackled

game. It's just a man's sport. This is the first sport. It's hard hitting with no pads."

Yes, there can be bad injuries, but for the most part it's just bumps and bruises. For them it's part of the mystique of the game. Jayan explained why he plays.

"This is the first sport I started playing," said Jayan. "I'm going to play football next year. I wasn't into athletics, I was into hanging out. It's new and it's cool. I'm not getting into trouble. I'll probably play a couple of years. It's dedication."

Roundup

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early 5-0 lead and held off a late San Rafael rally. Berkeley scored two runs in the second inning as Santa Cruz drove in George Woolley (who had walked) with a double and Josh Gruber sent home Zack Chun, who had singled.

In the fourth frame, Chun walked, Santa Cruz singled, and both scored on a Bulldog error. Robbie Allen drove in a third run with a groundout. The Bulldogs closed the Berkeley lead with a two-run fifth, but Connors-Copeland escaped further damage with two straight strikeouts. Woolley drove in the game's final run with a groundout after Asa Gifford, stole second, and went to third on a flyout.

Last Thursday, Berkeley fell to host Oakland High 9-4 after taking a 4-3 advantage in the fourth inning on Chris McElroy's second homer of the season. A four-run fifth frame by Oakland was keyed by four Yellowjacket errors; the host school got homers from Robert Sasser and Darnell Tate to spark its offense.

Berkeley got off to a quick 1-0 lead as the leadoff hitter in the contest, Allen, tripled and scored on an error during the same play. The visitors scored the next inning as Reggie Santa Cruz walked and came home on a passed ball.

Oakland scored a run in the bottom of the second, but Gifford matched that run in the top of the third, scoring on another passed ball. Then Sasser's two-run blast to left field tied the contest at 3-all heading into the fourth inning. Oliver Petit (0-2) took the loss for Berkeley, which opens its Bay Valley Athletic League season next Tuesday (at 3:45 p.m.) against visiting De La Salle. A week from today, the 'Jackets play a 3:45 p.m. BVAL tilt at Clayton Valley.

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Lacrosse

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of the league.

On Saturday Berkeley played four abbreviated games with mixed success.

The first game was a win against Mt. Carmel, which got the Yellowjackets excited about playing lacrosse again. The second game was a close match against Air Force Academy Prep, which ended in a 5-3 loss.

"We played them tough," said Gillies of Air Force. "It was a good game."

Playing so close and not winning brought the Yellowjackets down a notch and it showed in a 3-0 loss to St. Patrick.

"We laid an egg," said Gillies of the third game.

"It wasn't the shutout, we were just bad. It was a letdown after the Air Force game."

The final game of the day was played against El Toro and the two teams were exhausted.

Berkeley did not play particularly well and was down 5-4 with time running out. The Yellowjackets ran a set play that tied the game and sent it into overtime. Berkeley ran same play again for the 6-5 win.

"We ran the famous rocket play, once to tie it and once in overtime," said Gillies of the play. "We called the rocket (play) to Jonah Henderson and he hooped it. We called the rocket to Jake Zim in overtime and he assisted to Jordan Gatto."

"We pulled out an overtime

squeaker."

Gillies did not want to talk about they play, because his team needs all the surprises it can muster against league opponents and he did not want to disclose anything.

On the second day of the tournament Berkeley met eventual tournament winner Thatcher and lost big time.

"Thatcher was a good team," said Gillies. "They met O'Dowd in the finals of the tournament. We played them close in the first half, but it wasn't even close in the second half. Thatcher just finished their season and they are in playoff form."

Berkeley romped Toronado 8-4 in their last game of the tournament.

Toronado played host to the Berkeley players during the visit and it was nice for the Yellowjackets to end with a win, even though the game was lopsided in Berkeley's favor.

Gillies was happy with the distance his team traveled in just three days, and he wasn't talking about frequent flyer miles.

"We had a great time and we

started playing some good," said Gillies of the trip. "It was definitely something we needed to get to beat a few teams and some good teams that we beat."

Five Yellowjacket players named to the All-Tournament team, including the two of the top Gillies moved.

Zim was chosen for his attack and Goettsche for his midfielder skills, proving his position changes were right. Jacob Brownlow and Winnacker were All-Tournament defensemen and senior Webber was honored as a midfielder.

Berkeley was scheduled Southern Marin yesterday home game against Palo Alto changed to this Sunday, beginning with junior varsity at 10 a.m. varsity at noon.

Gillies said the Palo Alto may be played at Kleeberg. He is hoping with the change come consistency before the April schedule that has St. Ignace Acalanes and O'Dowd in consecutive games.

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12	\$63.00	\$125.00	\$186.50	\$231.00	\$57.75
13	\$67.00	\$133.00	\$198.50	\$246.00	\$61.50
14	\$71.00	\$141.00	\$210.50	\$261.00	\$65.25
15	\$75.00	\$149.00	\$222.50	\$276.00	\$69.00
16	\$79.00	\$157.00	\$234.50	\$291.00	\$72.75
17	\$83.00	\$165.00	\$246.50	\$306.00	\$76.50
18	\$87.00	\$173.00	\$258.50	\$321.00	\$80.25
19	\$91.00	\$181.00	\$270.50	\$336.00	\$84.00
20	\$95.00	\$189.00	\$282.50	\$351.00	\$87.75
21	\$99.00	\$197.00	\$294.50	\$366.00	\$91.50
22	\$103.00	\$205.00	\$306.50	\$381.00	\$95.25
23	\$107.00	\$213.00	\$318.50	\$396.00	\$99.00
24	\$111.00	\$221.00	\$330.50	\$411.00	\$102.75
25	\$115.00	\$229.00	\$342.50	\$426.00	\$106.50
26	\$119.00	\$237.00	\$354.50	\$441.00	\$110.25
27	\$123.00	\$245.00	\$366.50	\$456.00	\$114.00
28	\$127.00	\$253.00	\$378.50	\$471.00	\$117.75
29	\$131.00	\$261.00	\$390.50	\$486.00	\$121.50
30	\$135.00	\$269.00	\$402.50	\$501.00	\$125.25
31	\$139.00	\$277.00	\$414.50	\$516.00	\$129.00
32	\$143.00	\$285.00	\$426.50	\$531.00	\$132.75
33	\$147.00	\$293.00	\$438.50	\$546.00	\$136.50
34	\$151.00	\$301.00	\$450.50	\$561.00	\$140.25
35	\$155.00	\$309.00	\$462.50	\$576.00	\$144.00
36	\$159.00	\$317.00	\$474.50	\$591.00	\$147.75
37	\$163.00	\$325.00	\$486.50	\$606.00	\$151.50
38	\$167.00	\$333.00	\$498.50	\$621.00	\$155.25
39	\$171.00	\$341.00	\$510.50	\$636.00	\$159.00
40	\$175.00	\$349.00	\$522.50	\$651.00	\$162.75
41	\$179.00	\$357.00	\$534.50	\$666.00	\$166.50
42	\$183.00	\$365.00	\$546.50	\$681.00	\$170.25
43	\$187.00	\$373.00	\$558.50	\$696.00	\$174.00
44	\$191.00	\$381.00	\$570.50	\$711.00	\$177.75
45	\$195.00	\$389.00	\$582.50	\$726.00	\$181.50
46	\$199.00	\$397.00	\$594.50	\$741.00	\$185.25
47	\$203.00	\$405.00	\$606.50	\$756.00	\$189.00
48	\$207.00	\$413.00	\$618.50	\$771.00	\$192.75
49	\$211.00	\$421.00	\$630.50	\$786.00	\$196.50
50	\$215.00	\$429.00	\$642.50	\$801.00	\$200.25
51	\$219.00	\$437.00	\$654.50	\$816.00	\$204.00
52	\$223.00	\$445.00	\$666.50	\$831.00	\$207.75
53	\$227.00	\$453.00	\$678.50	\$846.00	\$211.50
54	\$231.00	\$461.00	\$690.50	\$861.00	\$215.25
55	\$235.00	\$469.00	\$702.50	\$876.00	\$219.00
56	\$239.00	\$477.00	\$714.50	\$891.00	\$222.75
57	\$243.00	\$485.00	\$726.50	\$906.00	\$226.50
58	\$247.00	\$493.00	\$738.50	\$921.00	\$230.25
59	\$251.00	\$501.00	\$750.50	\$936.00	\$234.00
60	\$255.00	\$509.00	\$762.50	\$951.00	\$237.75
61	\$259.00	\$517.00	\$774.50	\$966.00	\$241.50
62	\$263.00	\$525.00	\$786.50	\$981.00	\$245.25
63	\$267.00	\$533.00	\$798.50	\$996.00	\$249.00
64	\$271.00	\$541.00	\$810.50	\$1011.00	\$252.75
65	\$275.00	\$549.00	\$822.50	\$1026.00	\$256.50
66	\$279.00	\$557.00	\$834.50	\$1041.00	\$260.25
67	\$283.00	\$565.00	\$846.50	\$1056.00	\$264.00
68	\$287.00	\$573.00	\$858.50	\$1071.00	\$267.75
69	\$291.00	\$581.00	\$870.50	\$1086.00	\$271.50
70	\$295.00	\$589.00	\$882.50	\$1101.00	\$275.25
71	\$299.00	\$597.00	\$894.50	\$1116.00	\$279.00
72	\$303.00	\$605.00	\$906.50	\$1131.00	\$282.75
73	\$307.00	\$613.00	\$918.50	\$1146.00	\$286.50
74	\$311.00	\$621.00	\$930.50	\$1161.00	\$290.25
75	\$315.00	\$629.00	\$942.50	\$1176.00	\$294.00
76	\$319.00	\$637.00	\$954.50	\$1191.00	\$297.75
77	\$323.00	\$645.00	\$966.50	\$1206.00	\$301.50
78	\$327.00	\$653.00	\$978.50	\$1221.00	\$305.25
79	\$331.00	\$661.00	\$990.50	\$1236.00	\$309.00
80	\$335.00	\$669.00	\$1002.50	\$1251.00	\$312.75
81	\$339.00	\$677.00	\$1014.50	\$1266.00	\$316.50
82	\$343.00	\$685.00	\$1026.50	\$1281.00	\$320.25
83	\$347.00	\$693.00	\$1038.50	\$1296.00	\$324.00
84	\$351.00	\$701.00	\$1050.50	\$1311.00	\$327.75
85	\$355.00	\$709.00	\$1062.50	\$1326.00	\$331.50
86	\$359.00	\$717.00	\$1074.50	\$1341.00	\$335.25
87	\$363.00	\$725.00	\$1086.50	\$1356.00	\$339.00
88	\$367.00	\$733.00	\$1098.50	\$1371.00	\$342.75
89	\$371.00	\$741.00	\$1110.50	\$1386.00	\$346.50
90	\$375.00	\$749.00	\$1122.50	\$1401.00	\$350.25
91	\$379.00	\$757.00	\$1134.50	\$1416.00	\$354.00
92	\$383.00	\$765.00	\$1146.50	\$1431.00	\$357.75
93	\$387.00	\$773.00	\$1158.50	\$1446.00	\$361.50
94	\$391.00	\$781.00	\$1170.50	\$1461.00	\$365.25
95	\$395.00	\$789.00	\$1182.50	\$1476.00	\$369.00
96	\$399.00	\$797.00	\$1194.50	\$1491.00	\$372.75
97	\$403.00	\$805.00	\$1206.50	\$1506.00	\$376.50
98	\$407.00	\$813.00	\$1218.50	\$1521.00	\$380.25
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403 Childcare Wanted

BABYSITTER 2 families, 2 infants, in Rockridge home Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:30; references 528-1747; 601-5963

CHILDCARE needed for 4 year old boy, 10-20 hours per week, hours and wage negotiable. English speaking, car and references required 530-0722, 530-7646

CHILDCARE, Piedmont, 2 boys ages 4 and 7. Must drive and have own car. Excellent salary. Wonderful job. (415)567-3146

CHILDCARE/Housekeeper, 2 great children 4 and 6-40 hour week, live-in/out. Piedmont. English speaking, driver's license 466-5493

NANNY/housekeeper needed for 8 month old boy live-in for room plus board plus salary. Must love children, be happy, friendly. English speaking preferred. Non-smoking, experienced with references 814-0170

NANNY for cheery 14 month boy in French speaking family, Oakland/Piedmont area, Tuesday-Friday. Light housekeeping. Non-smoker, references. 652-2005

EXPERIENCED nanny, full-time, salaried position for care of 2 year old child housekeeping, English speaking, car required. Love and caring most important. References. 444-4254

BABYSITTER for 6 month old boy, 4 days/week, 8-10 hours/day. English speaking preferred, 530-2129

PART-TIME childcare, 2 and 4 year old, housekeeping, live-in, studio, salary. Experienced, Car preferred 420-0888

CHILDCARE: light housekeeping, Kensington 20+ hours - 1-2 children. Energetic, toy, non-smoking, English speaking. References, car. \$7 hour negotiable 624-7030

CHILDCARE wanted to 2 year old child Tuesday, Thursday, 4-7:30 p.m. Non-smoker, car required 339-8830

LOVING nanny needed to help 11 month and working day care of girls, 1 and 4, Cook meals, need drivers license now or soon. Part live-in. 530-0484

404 Shared Childcare

FAMILY with 20 month old boy looking for share situation 20-24 month boy. Full-time. Oakmore area. 652-3905

LOOKING for 1 child, 3-4 years- share Nanny home, part-time. Glenview area. 845-1060

405 Childcare Licensed

BAMBOLE Childcare, in Berkeley, has openings from 8-1 p.m. References 525-2126. License #010215011

OVER The Rainbow Daycare Warm stimulating environment preschool activities. License #01020890. Montclair, Deborah Yugo 339-2095

RELIABLE Daycare. Loving home. Safe, healthy environment. In-out activities. CPR certified. License #01021458 530-1650

FAMILY Daycare provider needed. Permanent part-time, mid-day hours (15-20 hours per week). Minimum 1 year experience. Must be safety conscious, enthusiastic, creative, caring and fun loving. Call Cynthia 652-4127. License # 010212884

406 Babysitters & Au Pairs

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NANNY available, gentle, experienced, English speaking, own car. First aid and CPR trained. Looking for full-time, your home. Share okay. Housekeepers. Sausan, 236-0807, evening.

CHILDCARE/Housekeeping person available for part-time work. Excellent references and California drivers license. Call 832-1013

407 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories A01 and A02.

CERTIFIED Home Health aides looking live-in or hourly. Have good references. Ask for Kathy 632-9615

MATURE, reliable female, live-in for elderly, 5-6 days week. Also housekeeping. Reasonable. Mage, 430-9936

CARE or housekeeping for elderly, handicapped 10 years experience. Own car. Honest, bonded, references. 415-647-6581

A CARING CONNECTION
Bonded, quality home care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 524-9076

409 Work Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work Career Center 548-5627

ABLE CARE

In-home care service. Experienced, 24 hour live-in care for the elderly and handicapped. Short term, long term, insured, bonded, honest and reliable 685-4704

DOG Walker Berkeley/Albany. Will walk your dog(s) in neighborhood or drive to park. Reasonable rates, responsible, references 649-8006

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505 Money To Loan

10-5% QUICK private money, no qualifying. 65% loan to value. 215-0566

For Sale**601 Antiques & Art**

RUGS, Persian, Must sell family estate. Sizes 12x18, 10x14, 10x13, 9x12 and smaller. Very reasonable. 415-898-4946

RUSSIAN "Lacquer box style" Painting-Sculpture 3'x4'. Solid wood. Valued \$3,000-\$5,000. Sell \$695. 642-2496

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605 Home Furnishings

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MATRESS Sets Twin, \$89. Full, \$109. Queen, \$159. Sofa-bed, \$299. Sofa-loveseat, \$369. Bunkbeds, \$228. Chest-dressers, bedroom sets, roll-aways. Simmons, Sealy, Restonic 444-1990

ANTIQUE furniture, beautiful Oriental rugs. Large and small/runners. 19th Century dining table. Private home must sell everything. Bargains 415-925-0135

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 896-8127

QUEEN mattress, box spring, frame, Oak head-board. all excellent condition \$270 or best offer 547-2852

5 PIECE solid oak bedroom set, triple dresser with large mirror, 2 night stands, high boy dresser, headboard. \$275 521-8158

WALNUT dining table, 3 extra leaves, custom pad, 6 chairs, buffet. Bedroom set, miscellaneous tables, chairs \$457-3828

BRASS King Bed, like new. \$450 00 527-1484

CHERRY dining room set, six chairs, table, china and curio cabinets, \$1800. Robin, evenings. 451-2940

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

BAHAMA CRUISE
5 days/4 nights. Overbudget, corporate rates to public. Limited tickets, \$249 per couple 407-331-7818, ext. 087, Monday-Saturday, 8-6.

OAKLAND Hills Tennis Club Membership-Save \$100 \$90 254-4055

OAKLAND Hills Tennis Club Full membership (swimming/tennis/fitness), \$695. Save \$155 \$30-1937 evenings

OAKLAND Hills Tennis Club Full Membership usually \$850; \$750 or best offer 631-7944

HANDWOVEN Durumie rug, rose/green/blue/cream/ floral, 9'x12, excellent condition, \$350 Refrigerator, 9 cu. ft., 5'x2'x2", excellent condition, \$100. Twin bunk beds, pale grey, wood, great condition, \$45. Twin mattress/box spring, great condition, \$35 set Stereo/ computer console, grey metallic/ glass doors, portable, 36x24x24 like new, \$100 891-9851

SOFA, chair and ottoman, wall unit, book shelf, wedding dress (never worn, size 8) 522-5194

OAKLAND Hills Tennis Club Swim Fitness Membership for sale 763-1771

LIFETIME family Hills Swim and Tennis Club membership \$1200 339-8619

607 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED: An old toy train Lionel, Marx, American Flyer Ives - 547-1278

WANTED: sets of China, porcelain figurines, old perfume bottles, jewelry, and other collectible items 656-8670

PIANO, 1977 Baldwin Grand 7'5", satin ebony finish. Excellent, used by teacher. \$7900 or \$31-3408

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SAN Miguel Allende, Mexico, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, luxury villa, new, maid \$500 week 526-3343

BIG Sun secluded 1 bedroom house, spectacular ocean/canyon views, retreat suitable for two 848-4234

706 Wanted to Rent

GARAGE: Oakland, Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito 526-7211

Apt./Condos/Flats For Rent**709 Alameda**

\$895 to \$970. Two bath, deluxe, on the beach, fireplace, dishwasher, pool, pet okay 522-0277

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1 bedroom - den and 2 baths from \$825. Two bedrooms 2 bath from \$875.

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\$500 ALBANY 1 bedroom apartment near University Village. Close to all. Newly remodeled stove, refrigerator, carpets, miniblinds. 1079 San Pablo Avenue. 528-1902 Monday-Friday 8:30-5

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\$775 ALBANY 2 bedroom apartment near schools, shopping, transportation. Recently remodeled, stove, refrigerator, carpets 831 Adams 528-1902, Monday-Friday

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\$850 GATEVIEW, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, desirable corner unit, view of Bay and hills 236-1850

\$925 BEAUTIFUL 2 bedroom, 2 bath, view of Albany/ Berkeley hills, recreation room, laundry room, inside parking 525-8793

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\$595 ONE room studio with cocktail bar \$675 Studio with cocktail bar, balcony \$850 Studio with private sauna, sunken tub. Secluded elegance charming oriental garden, tea-house, brook, flowing ponds, waterfalls, swimming pool, utilities, cable television included. Suitable 1 person 845-7155

\$645 COUNTRY Club living, deck, water view, pool, gym, tennis, security, large sunny 510-526-0968, 415-441-0345

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\$368 NORTH Berkeley 1 bedroom 4-plex, yard, parking, 8th/9th Cedar, #45551-B. Homefinders 549-6450

\$450-\$510 ONE bedroom, great location, Berkeley campus/ BART close Laundry, no pets, quiet building 601-6962, Lisa (evenings)

\$465-\$565 GORGEOUS remodeled, blond hardwood floors, new kitchens/ tiled baths, sunny, lush-tropical. 204-9428

\$558 BERKELEY, sunny, 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, Ashby/Shattuck BART, fresh paint, blinds, yard 275-1362

\$562 MODERN 1 bedroom, large kitchen. Drive by 1419 7th St. call West Management 893-9378

\$575 BERKELEY Charming 1 bedroom apartment on quiet tree-lined street. Cats okay 655-1698

\$575 BERKELEY 1 bedroom 4-plex, hardwood floors, yard, patio, Hillgass/ Webster, #45529-B Homefinders 549-6450

\$595 ROW-HOUSE like apartment Hardwood floors, parking, laundry, 12th month free with March occupancy. Dwlght near Sacramento 446-1122

\$600 SUNNY, safe, clean, 1 bedroom, near North Berkeley BART Section 8 okay 486-8181

\$776 ONE bedroom duplex, North Berkeley, available 1st April 1st near BART, parks, shopping. Freshly painted, deck and laundry. Call Susan 845-8926 ext. 108 or 415-751-7015

\$825 LOVELY 1 bedroom apartment in newer North Berkeley building 1385 Shattuck Ave. A/EK, car laundry, elevator, security garage available 528-1902, Monday-Friday, 8:30-5 p.m.

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\$608 BERKELEY 2 bedroom apartment Laundry, walk to bus, Regent/ Parker, #45559-B. Homefinders 549-6450

\$1250 BEAUTIFUL 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment in newer North Berkeley building, 1385 Shattuck Ave. A/EK, car laundry, elevator, security garage available. Approximately April 1. 528-1902, Monday-Friday, 8:30-5 p.m.

\$1300 TWO bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, North Berkeley Mediterranean duplex, hardwood floors, cathedral ceilings, garage, and yard 254-2510

\$1375 LANDMARK Victorian north Berkeley Large split-level, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, dining room, laundry hook-up, parking available Near shopping 415-593-5902

719 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS

\$1400 THREE bedroom elegant North Berkeley Victorian, upper, newly refurbished, hardwoods, laundry, near campus 528-4977

\$1600 FOUR bedrooms, upper flat, large, sunny, clean, laundry, off-street Near 4th St. shops 1907 6th St. 841-9914

\$675 RICHMOND Annex. Very nice 1 bedroom, 1 bath, living, dining, kitchen. San Francisco Bay view, garage, large yard. Includes garbage 758-0300

720 El Cerrito & North

\$500 BEAUTIFUL studio, landmark art deco building, hardwoods, decorative fireplace, Levonig dining area, gas stove, laundry, elevator, close to shopping, easy commute, 272-9664

\$500 INCLUDES utilities, sunny 2 room studio apartment, Glenview, yard, large work space available, 842-4829

\$525 STUDIO in quiet 10 unit building, balcony, carpets, drapes, refrigerator, stove, storage, parking Laundry facilities Agent, no fee 465-9064

\$495-\$595 HUGE studio near the Lake. Secure Includes heat. Low deposit/ good credit 444-8694

\$500-\$525 NEAR Montclair, spacious studios/ caring manager. Move-in by April 1, get 1/2 off first month's rent. 530-3148

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\$780 EL Cerrito large 2 bedroom, safe location, patio, laundry, parking Near BART/ shopping 527-9791

\$800-\$1100 CERRITO redecorated, 2, 3 bedrooms, prime El Cerrito location. Balcony, call okay 527-4298

\$885 THREE bedroom, 2 bath in triplex, near El Cerrito Plaza BART. Day (415)973-2191, evenings (510)527-8455

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721 Emeryville

\$735 LARGE 1 bedroom, garden, garage, patio. Discount to gardener. 1 Kathryn 655-2319

723 Oakland Piedmont & South**724 APT. FOR RENT STUDIOS**

\$365-\$470-\$490 STUDIOS Near Lake Secure No pets No parking. Quiet person. Lease 836-1651

\$395-\$485 \$1600 C.AREMONT Avenue Oak land, small large studio's hardwoods Laundry Lease bonds/ 652-7278

\$399 STUDIO Best deal, large, fresh, Casablanca floor, Perfect student/ budgeting professional accommodation. Bld 530-3634

\$410 ADAMS Point, studio with kitchen, utilities included 432 La Gunitas Ave. 836-2706 415-5253 Message

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Board gives nod to work slated to begin June 15

By Steve Miller
Hills Newspapers

Berkeley Realtors plan this summer to spruce up their offices on Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

The Board of Directors of the Berkeley Association of Realtors approved remodeling work at their Feb. 24 meeting. Work is scheduled to get under way around June 15, according to BAR chief executive officer Frank Battino.

A motion passed by the board authorizes Berkeley architects Christopherson & Graff to complete contract documentation and get City approval and the necessary permits.

Battino said the work would go out to bid within a month.

"We're going to move some rooms around," Battino said. Upgrades, he said, would include:



The Berkeley Association of Realtors office building on Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

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Hobbies: Bird watching and hiking.

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Century 21 and Easter Seals announce design contest

The National Easter Seal Society and Century 21 Real Estate Corp. have announced the creation of a contest to recognize innova-

tive housing designs that meet the needs of people with disabilities and older Americans.

The National Easter Seal So-

ciety/Century 21 Easy Access Housing Design Contest has been developed by the two organiza-

efforts to create awareness of the need for accessible and adaptable housing.

The competition, undertaken in cooperation with the joint Aging Design Research Program of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, invites architects and builders to submit accessible housing designs

for new and existing facilities. Entries of all scales and types are eligible, from large multi-unit developments to single-room environments and from renovations and remodels to new construction.

Entries will be screened by a jury of AIA-affiliated architects and accessibility specialists. They will be judged on how they facilitate daily living activities for persons with disabilities, while main-

taining a high degree of design quality.

The winning designs and profiles on their designers will be included in an illustrated booklet that will be available nationwide to consumers for a small contribution to Easter Seals. The selected designs will also be exhibited in Chicago at the AIA National Convention in June.

"Easter Seals and the Century 21 system are proud to offer this opportunity to architects throughout the nation," said Jim Williams, president of the National Easter Seal Society. "Accessible housing is critical to people with disabilities who live independently, and our nation's architects can make an enormous difference through their work to adapt existing structures and design new homes."

"This design contest and the resulting design booklet will not only heighten awareness among architecture, building and ancillary industries, but they will also provide consumers with the most current accessible housing designs available," said Century 21 president and CEO Richard Loughlin.

Since the launch of the "Easy Access" campaign more than a year ago, tens of thousands of consumers have requested the free "Easy Access" checklist brochure, which identifies features that make a home accessible. The program has also mobilized the real estate and related industries to help people with disabled or elderly family members more easily find or adapt homes to fit their special needs.

Submission procedures and entry forms for the design awards are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Easter Seals/Century 21 Easy Access Housing Design Contest, National Easter Seal Society, 70 East Lake St., Chicago, IL 60601-5907.

Completed entry forms and submission binders must be received no later than April 9. Winners will be notified in late April.

Red Oak Realty presents awards in community

The Red Oak Opportunity Fund (ROOF), set up by Red Oak Realty in Berkeley, announced its 1993 awards recently. The money awards are presented annually to groups in the community to demonstrate Red Oak's commitment to community improvement.

Beneficiaries are: Berkeley Primary Care Access, Berkeley Albany YMCA, North Berkeley Psychiatric Institute, Alameda County Suicide Prevention, Richmond Unified Education Fund, Berkeley Public Education Fund, Christmas In April and the Albany School District Music Program. Awards range from \$200 to \$2,000.

Red Oak Realty began its ROOF fund eight years ago. Most of the 37 Red Oak Agents set aside a specific portion of each of their commissions. Red Oak then matches the agents' contributions and by the end of the year, a considerable sum is available.

The ROOF committee typically allocates one-third of the fund for education, one-third for housing and the remaining third for community services. Red Oak committee members often recommend organizations in which they are personally active, and thus, are able to bring information about the group into the decision-making process.

Facelift...

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ing; carpeting; addition of a skylight.

The work, Battino said, would alter the traffic flow in the offices. It is expected to be completed within 10 weeks, at a cost of about \$180,000. The project will be financed by association funds on hand of \$120,000, plus a First Deed of Trust secured by BAR property, if necessary, in the amount of \$60,000, depending on bid outcome.

Association business will be conducted daily without interruption, Battino said.



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PIEDMONT

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30

- 1218 ASHMOULT, PIEDMONT - PRISTINE Mediterranean design with gourmet kitchen. 4BR, 3 1/2 BA. Sue Williams, 482-5077 \$1,135,000
- 40 OAKMONT AVE. PIEDMONT - NEW LISTING! Stately Traditional, remodeled kitchen & baths. Spacious, sunny rooms. Walk to schools. Jeff Hilgert, 893-7645 \$825,000
- 43 CRAIG AVE. PIEDMONT - NEW LISTING! Central Piedmont traditional home. 3+BR, 2BA, move-in condition. Carol Davis, 814-8070 \$639,000
- 130 LATHAM, PIEDMONT - Charming traditional home. This 4BR, 2 1/2 BA has old world charm with upgrades for carefree living. Hardwood floors, new kitchen & formal dining. Martha Shin, 531-8643 \$499,000

BY APPOINTMENT

- FRENCH CHATEAU - on over an acre of park like setting. 6BR, 2 separate maid's quarters. Jeanette Roach, 547-1760 \$4,500,000
- THE BEST OF EUROPEAN CRAFTSMANSHIP - Sweeping views, magnificent architecture, 6+BR & pool. \$2,995,000
- GRACIOUS TRADITIONAL HOME IN CENTRAL PIEDMONT - Large rooms, lovely detail. Excellent family floor plan with 5BR, family room & rumpus. Move-in condition. Jeanette Roach, 547-1760 \$1,250,000
- INTERESTING ARCHITECTURE! - All level home with HUGE living room. Approx. 1/2 acre of park-like setting. Private! Jeanette Roach, 547-1760 \$795,000
- FAMILY HOME WITH VIEW - 3+BR, yard - Havens school. Lois Caskey Johnson, 339-8400 \$669,500

OAKLAND

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30

- 5883 BUENA VISTA AVE. UPPER ROCKRIDGE - Mediterranean with a spectacular S.F. Bay view. 3,200 sq.ft. of new construction. 4BR, 3 1/2 BA. F.R. & rumpus. Dave English, 530-5900 \$695,000
- 1730 MANZANITA DR., MONTCLAIR - The view goes on and on - S.F., Golden Gate & Mt. Tam. All unobstructed! 6 year old traditional styled 4BR, 3BA. Helen Nicholas, 531-7134 \$569,000
- 3445 LA SALLE AVE., MONTCLAIR - Over 3000 sq.ft. of family living. Lovely neighborhood. Close to village. Lue Snow, 531-3430 \$499,000
- 839 CALMAR, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - BIG PRICE REDUCTION! A wonderful family home on double lot. 4+BR, 3 1/2 BA & excellent S.F. commute. Jeanette Roach, 547-1760 \$449,000
- 5797 SCARBOROUGH DR. PIEDMONT PINES - FIRST TIME OPEN! Piedmont Pines wooded Bay view with 4BR, 2 1/2 BA denotes this homey contemporary house. Also includes family room, art studio and spa. Kathie English, 530-5900 \$415,000
- 5649 MORAGA AVE. PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR - Quality 3BR, 2 1/2 BA. Less than 2 years old. Lyn Murray, 339-6686 \$355,000
- 817 ALVARADO RD. ABOVE CLAREMONT - THE GRANDEST OF VIEWS - High above the Claremont, a circa 1950's contemporary with 2BR, up and high-ceilinged plus room down. Remodeled kitchen & bath. Joan E. Hause, 339-6160 x239 \$335,000
- 2956 BURDECK, JOAQUIN MILLER - Montclair schools, great location, 3+BR, 3BA, formal dining. Helen Buty, 658-6493 \$335,000
- 3196 FRYE, LINCOLN HEIGHTS - PRICE REDUCED! Easy commute, large rooms, serene setting. Helen Buty, 658-6493 \$299,950
- 7287 SARONI, MONTCLAIR - PRICE REDUCED! Your own stair master! Stay in shape while living in this newish Montclair contemporary. 4BR, 3BA, formal living. Secluded & priced to sell. Helen Buty, 658-6493 \$298,000
- 3700 BALFOUR AVE. CROCKER HIGHLANDS - Truly lady awaits facelift - 3BR, yard, charm, location & expansion Potential! Doll M. Orr, 339-8559 \$289,000
- 14100 MANDALAY RD. UPPER ROCKRIDGE - For those starting small but thinking big. Light and pretty 2BR, 1BA - exceptional. Level yard, beautiful street. Judy Maher, 531-6121 \$269,000
- 4419 LA CRESTA, GLENVIEW - CROWN ELEGANCE in this 3BR traditional home in private setting with nice yard. Carol Cohen, 531-4218 \$260,000
- 2225 WISCONSIN ST. REDWOOD HEIGHTS - LIVE YOUR DREAM! Wonderful Mediterranean starter in great setting! Eat-in kitchen & formal dining, covered ceiling, arched doorway! French doors open onto a beautiful level out garden. 2BR, 1BA. Rachell Baller, 530-3860 \$225,000
- 811 YORK #303, UPPER LAKESHORE - 1400 TOWNHOUSE CONDO - Expansive decks, 2BR, 2 1/2 BA, 2 parking spaces, pool, sauna. Harriet Schoen, 531-2437 \$215,000
- 315 ORANGE #2, ADAMS POINT - Stunning Spanish-Med. Townhouse in small well kept building. Outstanding grounds and Bay view. Anida Weyl, 841-0727 \$165,000

BY APPOINTMENT

- SALE PENDING! LANDMARK FRENCH PROVENCIAL - View! Lois Caskey Johnson, 339-8400 \$829,000
- UPPER ROCKRIDGE - Wonderful family home 4BR, 3BA, family room & rumpus. view, pool & excellent outdoor living! Judy Maher, 531-6121 \$744,500
- SWIM, SWIM, SWIM! - No matter what the weather this pool has its own house! Located on 1.47 acres with room for Tennis Ct. & room for horses. Home has 4BR, 3BA. Owner is leaving country & must sell! Helen Buty, 658-6499 \$695,000
- MONTCLAIR - Neat as a pin. 3BR, 2 1/2 BA, very light. Ed Lindorfer, 531-8401 \$349,900
- ARTS&CRAFTS BEAUTY! - Lots of wood, 2 fireplaces & study accent this 4BR. Very bright. Level yard, 2-car garage. Walk to Montclair Ave. and BART. Lyn Murray, 339-6686 \$349,000
- REDWOOD HEIGHTS - Very spacious 3BR, 2BA in prime area. Rec room, great family room & kitchen. Private yard. Carol Cohen, 531-4218 \$295,000
- CROCKER HIGHLANDS - Appealing Traditional family oriented neighborhood. Good floor plan. 3BR, 1 1/2 BA, 2 plus rooms. Good opportunity to upgrade. Harriet Schoen, 531-2437 \$295,000
- WILKINSON AREA - Superb location! Under market. Hill area family home. 3BR, 2BA, family room. Carol Cohen, 531-4218 \$285,000
- LINCOLN HEIGHTS - Outstanding Med. on cul-de-sac. Light filled, charming & cheerful with interesting architectural details. Peek the Bay view, deck, hot tub & fenced yard. 3BR, 2BA and den. Rachel Baller, 530-3860 \$279,500
- CALIFORNIA CLASSIC - Sweet 2BR bungalow, quiet cul-de-sac, affordable price all equal a dream home to snuggle up to. Judy Weyl, 339-6160 x215 \$165,000
- CORNER THE MARKET IN MAXWELL PARK! - Corner of Kingsland and Maxwell to be exact. 2BR, 1BA bungalow, sweet inside out! Judy Maher, 531-6121 \$162,000
- COME OUT DRIVE BY 7908 EARL St. Th:n call. 2BR, on a large level lot. Dave English, 530-5900 \$129,000

CONDOMINIUMS

- GLASSY CONDO - Sharp interior, 1BR + den which could be 2nd BR. Fireplace + much more! Harriet Schoen, 531-2437 \$159,000
- PIEDMONT AVE. AREA - 2BR, with private patio for outdoor living. Kitchen fit for a gourmet cook. Carol Cohen, 531-4218 \$124,500
- AN ISLAND OF QUIETUDE - Spacious 1BR unit in great commuters location. Dining alcove w/built-ins and washer/dryer in unit. Joan E. Hause, 339-6160 x239 \$114,500
- PIEDMONT AVE. AREA - Drive by one Kelton Ct. one of the finest buildings in the area. We have several 1BR units available w/bay and Hill views. from \$94,000. Carol Cohen, 531-4218 \$94,000
- AMAZING SPACE - A junior one condo in beautiful 7 year old building. Great commuter location. Joan E. Hause, 339-6160 x239 \$82,500

OAKLAND LOTS

- SWEET S.F. BAY VIEW - on cul-de-sac. Claremont Pines area, close to BART at 147 Alpine Terr. Jeanette Roach, 547-1760 \$339,000
- WANT A MILLION \$\$ HOME - with a million \$\$ view?? 1 acre, all utilities to site. Owner may consider financing, short term. Carol Davis, 339-8400 \$269,000
- CLOVERMONT PINES - One of the better lots with over 10,000 sq. ft. and 100ft. frontage. Dave English, 530-5900 \$210,000
- SUPER LOT WITH BAY VIEW - potential, over 10 thousand sq.ft. with levelish contours. Harriet Schoen, 531-2437 \$160,000
- PARALLEL BAY & BRIDGE VIEWS - on 9600 sq.ft. in Montclair among half million dollar homes. Helen Nicholas, 531-7134 \$159,000
- CLOVERMONT LOT REDUCED - 2108 Melvin Rd. with good frontage, great schools & established area. Jeanette Roach, 547-1760 \$85,000

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- 280 NORWELL - Beautiful house, great price, special 2BR, 1BA, cathedral ceiling, skylights fireplace, random plank, 2-car garage, large yard, near BART & Green Belt. Excellent condition. Nick, 525-2727 \$229,000

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- 172 MOUNTAIN AVENUE: ELIZABETH DICKSON \$545,000
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- 426 PALA AVENUE: JEAN SIMMONS \$519,000
- Just listed! Spectacular view home. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room. Perfect condition. Prime center of Piedmont location
- 1135 HARVARD ROAD: MARION SCHWARTZ \$323,000
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- 114 ALTA AVENUE: DONALD GRUBB, JR. \$225,000
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- NORMANDY MANSION: ANGELA WEI GRUBB Call for price
- Magnificent estate on 1.5 acres. 9+ BR, ballroom, pool, lush gardens
- ARCHITECTURAL JEWEL: MARION SCHWARTZ \$1,850,000
- Stunning Bay view. 4/3 1/2, exercise room & sauna. Beautiful details
- NORMANDY ESTATE: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY \$1,595,000
- 1986 Decorator Showcase. Grand living and dining. Gourmet kitchen
- ELEGANT & LIGHT: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY \$1,395,000
- Julia Morgan family home. Meticulously restored. Lg. lot with full cottage
- STUNNING CONTEMPORARY: ANGELA GRUBB \$1,190,000
- Reduced! Totally renovated one-level home. Secluded 1/2 acre landscaped lot
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OAKLAND

DRIVE BY

- 6316 BULLARD DRIVE: A. GRUBB/M. SCHWARTZ \$849,000
- New listing! Piedmont Side of Montclair. Classic Colonial recently built by Barbara Armstrong. 4/2 1/2, fam. rm. & formal DR. Beautifully secluded
- 5600 WEAVER PLACE: DONALD WOOLHOUSE \$595,000
- New listing! 4+ BR, pool, spa, SF Bay views, located amidst parklands. Lg. master BR, kit/fam. rm. combo. Many upgrades. Must see!
- 5575 FERNHOFF ROAD: DONALD WOOLHOUSE \$569,000
- Hillcrest Estates ranch. Formal LR & DR, 3/2, eat-in kit. w/fam. rm
- 45 HARBORD COURT: MARILYN WATSON Reduced! \$425,000
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- 869 ROSEMOUNT ROAD: JUDY CAIN \$445,000
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- 6025 BRUNS COURT: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY \$379,000
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- 5571 MAXWELTON ROAD: NANCY ROTHMAN \$365,000
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- 6281 GIRVIN DRIVE: SUSANNE PAUL Reduced! \$329,000
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- 6660 HEARTWOOD DRIVE: ELIZABETH DICKSON \$269,000
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- 4627 DOLORES AVENUE: SALLY MORRISON \$259,000
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- PIEDMONT PINES CONTEMPORARY: ELIZABETH DICKSON \$569,000
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- Crocker Highlands. Large rooms. 4+3 Updated kitchen w/fam rm
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- Attractive family home. 3/2+, elegant master BR w/view. Fabulous landscaping
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- PIEDMONT PINES: JOSEPHINE O'SHAUGHNESSY \$310,000
- Peaceful, spacious Contemporary. 3/3, cozy den, sauna, 2-car garage
- COME HOME TO QUIET LIVING: MARILYN WATSON \$297,500
- Split-level 3+1/1 1/2 plus office Level yard plus gentle sloping wooded lot
- LINCOLN HEIGHTS FAMILY HOME: DONALD WOOLHOUSE \$297,000
- Reduced! Quality construction throughout 5/4, 2 fam rms., sep. guest ste
- COUNTRY CLUB CONDO: ELIZABETH DICKSON \$197,000
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LOTS

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- 7018 NORFOLK ROAD: JOHN KARNAY \$55,000
- 4,100 sq. ft. dwnslp. Current survey, topographic map & soils report

BERKELEY

DRIVE BY

- 2811 CLAREMONT BL: NANCY ROTHMAN \$995,000
- Major price reduction! Fabulous Claremont Tudor. Grand formal rooms with exquisite detail. 7BR/5BA. Beautiful brick patios & elegant grounds.
- 1 ROBLE ROAD: SANDRA VOGL \$447,000
- Major price reduction! Quality custom Craftsman, leaded glass
- Gracious entertaining house. Peaceful setting. Professionally landscaped

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1960 Mountain Boulevard, Oakland

During recession, real estate remains a stable investment

Housing values expected to exceed inflation

By John Hatten
Special to Hills Newspapers

Residential real estate generally remains a strong investment, despite current economic conditions. Low interest rates and affordable home prices make it easier for many people to buy a home.

In many real estate markets across the country, home values are expected to continue a slow,

steady rise. Historically, real estate has been a relatively stable investment. Housing prices have usually stayed at the same level as, or appreciated faster, than the rate of inflation.

During the great depression, for example, housing prices dropped only 39 percent while the stock market fell nearly 90 percent. Housing prices actually rose an average of 10 percent during recessions in the 1970s and early 1980s.

Recent reports indicate that homeowners in most areas of the country can still expect their housing appreciation to exceed the rate

of inflation. The annual rate of national home appreciation since 1990 has averaged about 5 percent compared to 4 percent for inflation.

First-time buyers benefit most from today's low interest rates, more affordable prices and steady appreciation. This combination often results in a more easily obtainable starter home that will eventually yield a profit and allow the buyer to trade up to a larger, more expensive home.

Second-home buyers also stand to gain from today's more affordable prices and steady appreciation. A vacation home can be a solid investment, and many vacation home areas are expected to enjoy rising appreciation rates in the next few years.

Appreciation isn't the only advantage to buying a home. The federal government provides a tax shelter to homeowners by allowing them to deduct all of the mortgage interest on their primary and second homes from their taxable income.

Additionally, the profit on the sale of a home is tax-deferred as long as a home for greater or equal the price is purchased within two years, some owners take advantage of a one-time-only capital gain exemption if certain qualifications are met (see your tax advisor for details.)

Each real estate market is different and potential buyers should conduct a thorough evaluation of the area in which they intend to buy a home before making a purchase decision.

A trained real estate sales associate, armed with local Multiple Listing Service data and an understanding of the marketplace, is

best equipped to assist buyers in reaching that decision. John Hatten is the president of Century 21 Hills California, Inc.

Computer workshop set Mar.31

Computer buffs in the real estate business may join a new computer user's group and are invited to attend the group's first workshop, called "Demonstration Workshop and Networking Opportunity."

The group will meet Mar. 31 at the offices of the Oakland Association of Realtors, 1528 Webster St., Oakland. Lunch will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program will run for an hour, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

gunning at 12:30 p.m.

The class will show Realtors how a computer can benefit them; will demonstrate the latest in laptop computers; will include a demonstration of the new software that is on the horizon for BORIS (MLS). Participants are asked to RSVP no later than Mar. 25. Leave name, office and phone number on the voice mail of Margie Wright, 869-4251,



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7 TYSON CIRCLE, PIEDMONT - 5BD/4BA.....	\$679,000
6133 HILL ROAD, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/2+BA.....	\$575,000
4309 CHAMBERLIN COURT, RIDGEMONT - 4BD/3BA.....	\$444,000
5142 MASONIC, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/2BA.....	\$420,000
6459 ESTATES DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/3BA.....	\$410,000
5373/5373-A BOYD, ROCKRIDGE - 3+BD/3BA.....	\$375,000
291 SCENIC AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 2BD/1+BA.....	\$369,000
1368 TRETTLE GLEN, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 3BD/2BA.....	\$359,000
4973 HARBORD, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4+BD/2BA.....	\$349,000
5891 MORPETH ST., UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2BA.....	\$329,000
10455 ROYAL OAK, SEQUOYAH HILLS - 3+BD/3BA.....	\$329,000
807 SAN DIEGO ROAD, BERKELEY - 2BD/1+BA.....	\$329,000
6100 TAFT AVENUE, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/1BA.....	\$315,000
4026 LA CRESTA, GLENVIEW - 3BD/2BA.....	\$295,000
5638 THORNHILL DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....	\$289,000
6040 VALLEY VIEW, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/1+BA.....	\$279,500
5819 BALBOA DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/2BA.....	\$279,000
1516 CEDAR STREET, BERKELEY - 3BD/1BA.....	\$249,000
5312 MILES AVENUE, ROCKRIDGE - 2+BD/2BA.....	\$259,000
6217 MERRIEWOOD DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 2BD/1BA.....	\$255,000
132 FRISBIE, PIEDMONT AVE AREA - 3BD/1BA.....	\$209,000
4303 PAMPAS STREET, LAUREL - 2BD/1BA.....	\$209,000

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LANDMARK PROPERTY - PIEDMONT \$3,350,000
Magnificent estate with exquisite architectural detail. Approximately one acre of level grounds, 8BD/7BA, pool, caretaker's house, 4-car garage. Georgia Cornell

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Completely and beautifully restored estate. 5BD/5BA including luxurious master suite, formal dining, gourmet kitchen, two family rooms, in-law or servant's quarters, swimming pool and lush gardens. Helen Danhaki 547-5750

CLAREMONT PINES MEDITERRANEAN \$980,000
Prestigious location, bay view, quality design and construction. To be built in early 1993, the plans call for approx. 4500 sq. ft. of elegant living. Claudia Ellinghaus

TRIPLEX SHOWPLACE \$785,000
Beautiful Victorian duplex + Julia Morgan cottage. Grandeur and charm throughout. Leaded glass windows, 2 fireplaces, fine wood details, garden courtyard. Rich Gould

BEST UPPER PIEDMONT LOCATION \$565,000
Price reduced! One-level 3BD/2+BA family home in a private setting. Elegant formal dining, family room, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors. Georgia Cornell

PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR \$549,000
This spacious home has a sweeping SF bay view from several rooms. 4BD/3BA, family room, spacious living/dining room, 2-car garage. T. Carlisle/S. Linford

SWEEPING CANYON VIEWS \$529,000
New listing! Four year old Ridgmont home. 4BD/3BA, family room, custom window coverings, huge master suite with sitting area, bay view from front. Robyn Mohr

FAR FROM CONVENTIONAL \$439,000
New contemporary 3BD/3BA home with dramatic high ceilings, perfect for displaying art collection. Interesting open floor plan, 3 fireplaces. Wendy Gardner

BRAND NEW WITH 3 BRIDGE VIEW \$398,000
Hillier Highlands townhome nearing completion. Downslope end unit with a spectacular panoramic view. 3BD/2+BA with loads of amenities. Bonnie Hirsch

COUNTRY-LIKE RETREAT \$369,500
Cul-de-sac location on almost an acre! 4BD/2+BA, large kitchen/family room combination, formal dining, decks, garden, 2-car attached garage. Kathy Flynn

DUTCH COLONIAL - CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$318,000
Old world charm with current upgrades for carefree living. 3BD/1+BA, den, elegant hardwood floors, fireplace, formal dining room, gourmet kitchen. Wyn Stephens

DUPLEX PLUS STUDIO \$315,000
This property is perfect for owner-occupant desiring income. 3BD/2BA units plus studio in a well maintained neighborhood. Garage and laundry. Charlene Claybaugh

SEQUOYAH HILLS VALUE \$299,000
Features of this 3BD/3BA home include updated kitchen with adjoining family room, bonus room, wonderful yard and pool, 2-car garage. Helen Danhaki 547-5750

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Reduced! Large credit in lieu of drainage work will be given to the buyer of this charming home. 3BD/2BA, formal DR, oak floors, garden. Helen Danhaki 547-5750

CHARMING GRAND LAKE HOME \$259,000
This 2+BD/1+BA home has a sunny living room with view and formal dining room. Kitchen/breakfast area opens to garden. Charming patio, garage. Melanie Powers

SPECTACULAR BAY VIEW \$259,000
This two year old home, situated on an oversized lot, has a view that spans the bay from north to south. 3BD/2BA, family room, basement, garage. Claudia Ellinghaus

CENTRAL GLENVIEW LOCATION \$239,000
Immaculately maintained home with privacy and good division of space. 4BD/2BA, family room, rec. room, eat-in kitchen, front and back yards. Martha Holstlaw

ALL LEVEL LIVING \$235,000
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1720 MANZANITA. Montclair. Incredible views. 4+BD executive home. Spacious. Almost new. Entertain in style! Noll Davis 531-9536

3521 RUBIN. Montclair. Gracious Traditional, level lawn, separate entry home, home office & spacious home with pano bay view. Marie Kenaga 339-1774

38 MELVIN. Oakmore. New listing, pano bay view, large home for extended family. 4+BD, 2+BA, great yard, super clean! Kanti Patel 339-6930

5814 LASALLE. REDUCED! Live/work opportunity. Large 3+BD, 2BA. Walk to Montclair. Best schools. Donna Ranslem 547-6951

6024 BROADWAY. Rockridge Country English. Immaculate 3BD, 2BA, extra kitchen, 2 fireplaces, private yard, many extras. Alice Erickson 655-7942

316 HOWARD. Reduced! Lowest priced 3+BD home in Piedmont. Walk to Beach School. Holda Hirschberg 531-6118

1555 LEIMERT. New listing! Upper Oakmore. 3BD, 2BA, beautiful yard & patio, family room, filtered view, Montclair schools. Dorothy Carey 339-0484

755 MANDANA. Crocker. Traditional home. Lovingly restored craftsman details. Move-in condition. 3BD, 1.5BA. Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780

6416 HEATHER RIDGE. Montclair. Price reduced! Lots of land and house in great condition. Privacy. Cozy 3BD. Sandi Klemmer 654-4804

975 VERMONT, Lakeside. New listing! Family home. 3+BD, 2BA, new deck. Remodeled country kitchen, city lights view. Sharpl Les Millett 655-0538

723 SANTA RAY. Crocker. Split level family home. 3+BD, 1.5BA, family room. Great kids' back yard. Stan Hammond 339-5846

59 SERENO CIRCLE. SF view townhome in small prestigious development. 2BD, 2BA, hardwood floors, fireplace, beamed ceilings. Wendy Callaghan 839-9197

4127 WATERHOUSE. Light, pristine tudor in Oakmore. Split level 2BD, sun porch, fenced yard & garden. Just listed! Lee Jacobson 654-5161

6269 WESTOVER. Attention Contractors/fixer! Huge reduction for quick sale! Best price & location. 3BD, 2BA, large family room. Sharon Hammond 839-9494

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3121 SYLVAN AVE. Upper Laurel. New listing! 2BD wextra "Garden Room" Perfect home office or playroom. Chris 539-8412

4224 LINCOLN, Lincoln Heights. What a value! Charming with bay view. Beautiful garden, 2BD, 1BA, plus enclosed sun porch. Joy Bryden 531-7000

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4128 - 35TH AVE. Upper Laurel. Immaculate & charming Traditional. Formal dining room, remodeled kitchen & private yard. Diane Earl McCan 531-7000

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PANO VIEW, OPEN FLOOR PLAN. Huge lot, decks, attached garage. 3+BD, 2BA. Dick Cohen 339-1117

BERKELEY TRIPLEX. Live in one, rent two. Large..... units with charm. Parking. Big lot. Stan Hammond 839-5846

CONTRACTORS/DECORATORS. Bay view home. Cosmetic fixer. Live in/fix up. Have a showplace. Level yard. 3+BD, 2.5BA. Noll Davis 531-9536

JUST LISTED! Outstanding Montclair value. 3BD, 2BA, rumpus. One owner. Lovingly maintained. Call - no open houses. Noll Davis 531-9536

REDWOOD HEIGHTS & SF BAY VIEW. 3BD, 2BA, family room with 2nd flr. large private back yard, storage workshop & 2-car garage. Lee Jacobson 654-5161

NEW LISTING! IMMACULATE SP/MED. with bay & SF views. Sunny and charming. Plus room & private yard. Diane McCan 531-7000

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GREAT FAMILY HOME. great location. Large 3BD, 2.5BA, family room and bonus space. Move-in condition. Motivated! Marianne Jamison 655-9615

EXCELLENT LOCATION. great condition. Motivated! 3BD, 2BA, family room. Charming! Hot tub overlooking nice yard. Marianne Jamison 655-9615

1705 GANGES, EL CERRITO. Clean 3BD, 1BA, formal dining room, living room with fireplace, level yard, fruit trees. Ready to deal. Frank Hennefer 654-6461

MOVE-IN CONDITION! Cute bungalow. Terrific starter with charm. Modern eat-in kitchen, 2BD. Lots of extra space. Sandi Klemmer 654-4804

SUNNY TUDOR STYLE HOME. 3BD in Maxwell Park with charm. Hardwood floors, elegant fireplace, basement, private yard, garage. Kate Phillips 530-8211

MOVE-IN CONDITION - Charming - Motivated! Great start! 2BD, 1BA, family room, beautiful hardwood floors, back yard, wooded location. Marianne Jamison 655-9615

FRUITVALE COTTAGE at end of cul-de-sac, 2BD offers French doors to deck & rear yard bordering stream. Garage. Lee Jacobson 654-5161

MAXWELL PARK STARTER. 2BD sits on large private yard. Kitchen nook, fireplace, basement storage. Appliances included. Lee Jacobson 654-5161

PIEDMONT AVE. Victorian duplex. Both 2+BD units. Fireplaces, deck, garden. Call Anne Bruff 531-7006

CONDOMINIUMS

3760 - 39TH AVE., Laurel, OPEN SAT & SUN 2-5:00. New construction townhomes, 2BD, 2.5BA, sec. entry, fireplace, yard. Frank Hennefer 654-6461

BAY & HILL VIEW. Top floor, corner unit. 2BD. Bright & private in Piedmont Ave. neighborhood. Security parking. Lee Jacobson 654-5161

LOTS

OAKLAND HILLS BLDG. PKG. 98 AC, bay view homesite on Lochard Street. Good plans for 4BD home. Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780

BAY VIEW LOTS. Gentle slope, reports, terms. Frank Hennefer 654-6461

MONTCLAIR UPSLOPE LOTS. Reports, terms. Frank Hennefer 654-6461

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on price, if necessary, in an effort to obtain the full value for your home.

- Helping the buyer locate financing, arrange for home inspections and an appraisal, and other details in preparation for the closing.
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Frank Battino, Chief Executive Officer of the Berkeley Association of Realtors, was selected recently as one of nine persons statewide to serve on a special task force to review Dept. of Real Estate's license examination program. Battino was asked by state Real Estate Commissioner Clark Wallace to accept the appointment. The task force discussions centered around changes and refinements in the program's procedures.

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OPEN HOMES SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

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- 725 LONGRIDGE ROAD — Inspired Crocker Traditional. Custom light-filled English residence features gracious floor plan with distinctive interior. 5BD, 3 1/2 BA. LINDA VAN DRENT.....\$569,000
- 5515 KALES — Rockridge — Just Listed. DONNA DEBADI.....\$392,000
- 5640 OCEANVIEW — Great Rockridge fixer — Just listed lot of original wood and built ins. 3bedrooms, 1 bath, sunroom & breakfast room. TERRY KULKA.....\$339,000

Ridgmont Tour

FIRST TIME OPEN

- 5029 CRYSTAL RIDGE CT — Ridgmont — Just listed. Fabulous view property. 3+ bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, professionally landscaped. SHERRY BENNINGER.....\$389,000
- 6110 RIDGEMONT DRIVE.....BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED.....4BD/3BA.....\$479,000
- 13762 CAMPUS DRIVE.....FABULOUS LOT.....3BD/2BA.....\$459,000
- 5006 CRYSTAL RIDGE CT.....SOUGHT AFTER MODEL.....4BD/3BA.....\$394,000
- 4933 STONERIDGE CT.....BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED.....3BD/2 1/2 BA.....\$385,000

- 1572 OLYMPUS.....BERKELEY.....4BD.....\$737,500
- 6366 HEATHER RIDGE.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD/3BA.....\$499,000
- 18 TREASURE HILL.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD/3BA.....\$425,000
- 12 BRUNELL PLACE.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD/3BA.....\$399,000
- 6318 DORAN.....MONTCLAIR.....4BD/3BA.....\$367,000
- 4014 LAKESHORE AVE.....CROCKER HIGHLANDS.....4BD/2 1/2 BA.....\$359,500
- 6498 ASCOT DRIVE.....PIEDMONT PINES.....3BD/2 1/2 BA.....\$339,000
- 514 FAIRBANKS.....LAKESHORE.....3BD/1 1/2 BA.....\$329,000
- 3982 NORTON AVE.....PIEDMONT HEIGHTS.....3BD.....\$289,000
- 2829 BURTON.....PIEDMONT PINES.....2BD/1 BA.....\$285,000
- 583 MONTCLAIR AVE.....CHINA HILL.....4BD/2 1/2 BA.....\$255,000
- 4101 BARNER AVE.....LINCOLN HEIGHTS.....2BD/1 BA.....\$234,000

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OAKLAND ★ MONTCLAIR ★ PIEDMONT ★ ALAMEDA

HAVENS MANSION IN PIEDMONT.....\$2,899,500
Designed by Bernard Maybeck and Tiffany of New York
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PIEDMONT ENGLISH TUDOR.....\$699,000
One of Piedmont's prime locations. Great for entertaining.
form, rm, 2-car garage. 3 BD, 2 BA GEORGE KARSANT

CROCKER HIGHLANDS REDUCED.....\$499,000
New price for this beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath home in
great location. Extras include den, nursery, breakfast
room and double garage. KATHERINE COOPER

PIEDMONT PINES.....\$349,500
All level land style on cul-de-sac. 3+ BD, 2 1/2 BA. Large
family room with fireplace, beamed ceilings. DIAN HYMER

MONTCLAIR.....\$339,000
Exceptional 2 story traditional with spacious 4 bedrooms, 2
baths. Level-in, large backyard with deck. Walking distance to
Montclair schools. ADRIANA GIACOMELLI

COUNTRY CLUB AND BAY VIEWS!.....\$315,000
Impeccably maintained 3 bedroom rancher on 1/4 acre.
Family room, 2-car garage work shop. KEVIN MCMULLEN

PIEDMONT.....\$320,000
Beautiful 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Overlooking "Rose
Garden." Formal dining, hardwood floors. Lovely yard.
Fireplace. CARIN CAROE

UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$275,000
Adorable 2 bedroom — needs some cosmetic updating.
Lots of old world charm. JO-ANNE BOISVERT

LOVELY MAINTAINED.....\$235,000
Just listed. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with art deco touches &
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Beautiful brown shingle family home set in redwoods has sun-filled living
room and dining rooms; both with fireplaces, sunroom, updated kitchen,
sleeping porch and attic. 5BD, 2BA, 486-1495

OPEN HOMES SUNDAY 2:00-4:00

- 1309 MILK.....BERKELEY.....1BD/1BA.....\$135,000
- 561 WOODMONT.....BERKELEY.....4BD/3BA.....\$410,000
- 1073 CRAGMONT.....BERKELEY.....3BD/2 1/2 BA.....\$525,000
- 1309 HENRY.....BERKELEY.....3BD/2 1/2 BA.....\$349,000
- 2231 BROWNING.....BERKELEY.....2BD/1BA.....\$164,950
- 29 ARDMORE ROAD.....KENSINGTON.....5BD/2BA.....\$510,000
- 36 ANSON WAY.....KENSINGTON.....3BD/2BA.....\$289,500

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REMODELED MEDITERRANEAN.....\$525,000
Fantastic on all three levels! Cathedral beamed
ceilings in living room, granite kitchen counters,
3 BR 2.5 BA plus family room. Adjacent buildable
lot available for \$175,000.

BERKELEY BROWNSHINGLE.....\$367,000
8 bedrooms and 3 baths (not a misprint!). Perfect
for large family, or even student housing. Large
yard and parking, near park.

MEDITERRANEAN TRIPLEX.....\$575,000
Walk to UC from this wonderful building on the
Northside of campus. All units have 2 BR and
fireplaces!

KENSINGTON BROWN SHINGLE.....\$510,000
Striking, historic sun-filled brown shingle in redwood
setting. 5BD, 2BA with sunroom, updated kitchen, plus
fireplaces in living and dining rooms.

TILDEN PARK CONTEMPORARY.....\$410,000
Quiet, dramatic, nestled in the trees, just minutes away
from Wildcat. Canyon trails and pool. Light-filled 4BD, 3BA
in a versatile floor plan w/downstairs office or au pair.

DECORATE TO YOUR TASTE.....\$289,500
Kensington charmer 3BD, 2BA with filtered view.
Structurally renovated, now just waiting for someone to
make it their own with wallpaper, paint and a little polish.

SPACIOUS ROCKRIDGE CRAFTSMAN.....\$259,000
Super Rockridge location! 2BR, 1 1/2 BA with a new
kitchen, dining room and large basement.

CHARMING 2 BEDROOM W/BAY VIEWS.....\$245,000
Rare Berkeley Hills opportunity — reduced \$20,000!
Panoramic bay views, beautiful interior finish work,
excellent condition at this price! Yes! 486-1495

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Dealing with real estate attorneys



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Notes about attorneys:

- Very few people know what they are doing. This includes real estate attorneys.
- Make sure you need one. You may not.
- If you need one, get one who knows how to deal with your problem.
- How much the real estate attorney charges per hour has little to do with satisfaction in the end. Don't choose an attorney by his/her hourly rate.
- Like everyone else, attorneys can be dull and unable or they can be bright and capable. It is a great help to find the latter.

Buyers loved the house

The sellers bought the house to fix up and sell. They bought it from a man who owed no money on it and had a tax problem. That was why he insisted on carrying the loan himself, a loan that could not be paid off for 10 years.

The house was remodeled and offered for sale. Along came our buyers. "We love it, they said. "We want to buy it, but we don't want that loan." Their offer provided for a new loan. The old one would have to be paid off.

One seller was an agent working for a large real estate office with a staff attorney. "Can we pay off the loan? staff counsel was asked. "Afraid not, came the re-

ply. "You are in a real pickle. The buyer will have to assume the loan or the house cannot be sold."

The sellers went to another attorney and paid real money. They were told the same thing. If the note says it can't be paid off, it can't be paid off.

"There's nothing we can do, wailed the sellers. "We can't sell the house."

Our attorney said 'yes!'

"Find the right real estate attorney, we said. And with that we called the smart attorney of our choice, faxed him a copy of the note, and asked, "Can the loan be paid off?"

"Of course, said our man. "Tell the sellers to call me." It was that simple.

The sellers were reluctant. "But we've talked to attorneys. They all say the same thing."

"Try one more time, we encouraged. "Talk to our guy. Call this number."

It all turned out happy. The right real estate attorney made it right. He talked to the note holder.

He pointed out what the law says, the same law the other advisors seemed not to know anything about.

But the law is one thing, the remedy often another. A compromise was reached. The loan was not paid off but was instead moved to another property the sellers owned.

It was all fine except that the moving van wouldn't fit on the narrow street. Everything had to be transferred to a hastily rented pick-up truck and brought to the house. There are always surprises.

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People

Mickey Pollard has joined the staff of Northwestern Title Co., the firm announced recently. Pollard will work out of the company's Montclair office and will focus on business development.

Prior to joining Northwestern, Pollard was associated with Premier title Co. in Montclair. She has six years experience in the industry.

Pollard is vice-chairman of the Oakland Association of Realtors' weekly marketing breakfasts. She is treasurer and membership chairperson of the women's council of Realtors.

In 1992, Pollard raised more money than any other participant



Mickey Pollard

in OAR's Cantree Walkathon food basket fundraiser at Lake Merritt.



Andrea Land

Berkeley Realtor Andrea Land and her husband, Bob Gilden, recently participated in the annual AIDS Dance-a-Thon in San Francisco. The event raises funds to fight the deadly disease.

Land, co-owner of Thornwall Properties, joined about 6,000 others in the event which was held at Herbst Pavillion. Music was provided by Cece Peniston and Queen Latifah.

Land said raising over \$500 in pledges from her friends and clients was easy.

Prop. 8 tax relief for owners

Equity lost to recession may be offset by revised assessment

I recently read the difference between the taxidermist and the tax collector is that the taxidermist leaves the hide.

There's a great way for property owners to retrieve a piece of their hide, and those who've lost equity in the recent recession are flocking to take advantage.

Under Proposition 13, adopted in June 1978, the property tax assessment is either that year's value or the most recent "arm's length" sale, plus 2 percent per year. But Prop. 13 neglected to address declines in value.

So in November of 1978, voters approved remedial legislation known as Proposition 8. Under Prop. 8, if an owner convinces the county Assessor that the property is worth less than the assessment, that owner is in for relief, spelled L-O-W-E-R-T-A-X-E-S.

Given the decline in real estate, some owners could reduce their property taxes by hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. Though such savings won't com-

pensate for the loss in equity, they could convert an asset from red ink to a balanced sheet in the black.

Since taxes are often the biggest line item on the expense ledger, decreasing the tax bite could outweigh all other operating efficiencies combined. Until the commercial markets rebound, tax savings may be the only strategy left for struggling investors trying to hang on.

While some owners can file their own appeals and lower their assessments without professional



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you feel strongly enough to pursue an appeal, it can be taken to the county Assessment Board of Appeals.

This can be risky, as the Board of Appeals has the authority to both lower and raise the assessment. If you are unsatisfied with the decision of the Board of Ap-

One owner used the 'stupid argument,' claiming that he was so stupid, he flatout overpaid for the property!

help, but the best results are, predictably, achieved by the property tax specialist.

When I first heard of this professional niche five years ago, I couldn't understand who would use the service. Now the field is becoming packed with brokers, attorneys, accountants and appraisers who specialize in appeals of real property tax assessments.

The tax appeal process is essentially a valuation function. The successful owner must persuade the local taxing authority to revise the assessed fair market value of the property.

Market data, income/expense analysis, replacement costs, financing terms and economic trends must all be considered in making your case stick. Most Prop. 8 appeals today are based on a general decline in the market.

Yet there are numerous other justifications for an appeal. A change in the zoning or land-use restrictions may reduce value. Discovery of an environmental condition, such as an earthquake fault, asbestos or groundwater contamination could also warrant a lower assessment.

One San Francisco owner was even granted his application based on the "stupidity argument," which said that he was so stupid, he flat out overpaid for the property!

It is fairly safe to file an initial appeal at the Assessor's office. The worst outcome is a denial. If

peals, your last recourse is the state Supreme Court. If you go that far, you had better expect a big return on your efforts as the risks and costs are for major-leaguers only.

With the tax rate just over 1 percent, most small properties don't merit reassessment. Even some large owners who have big bucks on the line have decided to forego the opportunity. Since property taxes are the primary funding source for the local government, some companies could bankrupt a small-town City Hall if they took the entire tax reduction to which they may be legally entitled. The fiscal impact plus the negative PR just aren't worth the savings.

Further, processing the appeal can require lots of professional staff time and effort — costs that may not be recovered for many years, if ever.

It is small consolation when compared to the loss of equity in commercial and investment real estate, but property tax reassessment can help a listing financial ship stay afloat, at least until the economy improves. Thank Prop. 8 for returning a little bit of your hide.

Richard Knutson, CCIM, is a senior associate specializing in investment property with CB Commercial in Oakland. His articles also appear in *The Inner-City Express*.

Seismic safety seminar set for Mar. 30 at B.A.R.

A new seismic safety continuing education course on Homeowner's Earthquake Disclosure Requirements will be presented by the Berkeley Association of Realtors and Chicago Title Co. of Alameda County on Tuesday, Mar. 30.

The class will be held at BAR offices, 1553 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The course is a Department of Real Estate-approved course, Certificate number 2903; participating agents will receive three hours of consumer service continuing education credit.

The lecturer is Brian L. Stoner, Program Manager for the Development of the Homeowner's Guide to Earthquake Safety and former legislative liaison for the California Seismic Safety Commission.

The seminar examines the new state laws on seismic disclosure and explains how to comply.

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Property owners at the following burn area sites have applied for administrative building bulk reviews, zoning permits and variances. The public may review and comment on these plans at the Community Restoration Development Center, 5354 Claremont Ave. Call 238-6000 for additional information.

Now under consideration are:

- 6959 Norfolk Rd.: Bulk review to construct a 2,880-square-foot single family residence, and minor variance to have a 16 foot pre-existing rear yard setback (20 foot minimum).

- 295 Gravatt Dr.: Bulk review to construct a 3,156-square-foot single-family residence.

- 1325 Drury Rd.: Bulk review to construct a 4,577-square-foot single-family residence.

- 6181 Contra Costa Rd.: Bulk review to construct a 3,046-square-foot single-family residence.

- 601 Gravatt Dr.: Bulk review to construct a 3,005-square-foot single-family residence.

Decisions on these requests will be made by CRDC staff sometime after March 31.

- 6240 Contra Costa Rd.: Bulk review to construct a 4,530-square-foot single-family residence.

A decision on this request will be made by CRDC staff sometime after March 26.

- 4969 Proctor Ave.: Bulk review to construct a 3,896-square-foot single-family residence, and minor conditional use permit to construct a wall in the side yard setback exceeding 6 feet in height.

- 240 Taurus Ave.: Bulk re-

view to construct a 3,141-square-foot single family residence, and minor variance for a rear yard setback from the property line to the residence of 5 feet and a 0-foot set back from the property line to the deck (54 feet required), and a variance for a zero setback at the deck (5 feet required).

- 64 Hermosa Ave.: Minor variance to construct a single-family residence with a side yard setback of 6 feet, 7 inches (8 feet, 5 inches required) and a rear yard setback of 29 feet, 9 inches (32 feet, 3 inches required).

- 188 Gravatt Ave.: Minor conditional use permit to construct a second kitchen in a single-family residence.

- 20 Perth Place: Bulk review to construct a 3,424-square-foot single family residence.

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- 100 Alpine Ter.: Bulk review to construct a 3,241-square-foot single-family residence, and minor conditional use permit to construct a wall along the driveway of 2 feet to 8 feet in height.

- 5009 and 5015 Proctor Ave.: Bulk review to construct a 4,648-square-foot single-family residence.

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Architects in a league by themselves

They must be very highly trained and hold state license



On Your Home

BRIAN GARDNER

Many similar sounding professions have vastly different levels of expertise. For the uninformed homeowner, hiring the wrong person can be money down the drain.

There's simply no draw when it comes to architects, designers and draftsmen. Simply put, they are not created equal.

When you drive across the Bay Bridge, and before you stands the glass and metal beauty known as the San Francisco Skyline, you are gazing at the work of hundreds of architects. When it comes to your home, the law says that any changes that involve matters of structural integrity require the services of an architect.

A qualified architect must be state-licensed, and also must be very knowledgeable about building codes and environmental conservation laws. The architect will also be quite familiar with the kinds of building materials which

are correct for the type of upgrade you're planning on your home.

When the architect you have hired makes a call on the planning department to either obtain permits or to make an initial study regarding the property line, their job title often opens doors, which might be closed to the do-it-yourselfer or the designer/draftsman.

Webster's defines an architect as one "...skilled in, or a professional student of, architecture..." The word originally comes from the Greek word "architekton," meaning "master builder."

No such lofty definition is found for designers or draftsmen. That's because the jobs they can do for you are quite different than those requiring an architect.

If it's conventional construction you're planning on your home, a drafting service can help you. Anything more will likely require the services of a licensed architect, if you want your plans to be approved by the city planning department.

Because architects are more specifically and more highly trained than designers and drafts-

men, they can also find out for the homeowner what long range plans the city has for your plot of land. There's not much use doing a major rebuilding project only to learn that the city plans a major freeway extension or public park right

who assisted me with this. It reminded me that any construction work on a home that is done and extensive enough to require the service of an architect should be an enjoyable experience. A homeowner knows where a professional's expertise lies, and ends, he will get the right person for the job, avoiding appointment.

Dealing with the complex vast regulations that cities have in their books can be confusing and overwhelming. Getting the professional to assist you make it a pleasurable experience resulting in a home as you envision it.

Know who to hire before you pay. You'll save in the long run. Brian Gardner is the managing director for Montclair Construction and Maintenance. His services are syndicated through City News Service, Bay Area edition. Rudd Gast assisted with this article.

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Renters may receive small state tax break

Steve Miller
Newspapers

A proposal before the legislature may give renters in California, regardless of income, a small tax break beginning in 1994.

The law now gives a \$120 state income tax credit to married couples who earn under \$40,001. Couples earning between \$40,001 and \$41,000 get a \$60 credit. Couples receive no credit if their income exceeds \$41,000.

Singles earning under \$20,001 receive a \$60 credit and those earning between \$20,001 and \$20,500 receive a \$30 credit. No credit is allowed for singles with incomes

over \$20,500.

The proposal, Senate Constitutional Amendment 9, would remove the income ceiling and allow the credits to all renters in the state. The measure was introduced Feb. 23 by Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti.

First, SCA 9 must be approved by two-thirds of the legislature. The bill is scheduled to come before the Assembly in mid-April and will likely go to the Senate by the end of May, said Terry Burns, an aide to Roberti.

If the measure passes the legislature, it will go before the voters in the November, 1994 General Election.

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Windows and doors should be beautiful. They should harmonize with the design of your home, architectural details and the placement of your furnishings. They should be an expression of the personality of the home.

As design tastes have moved to bigger and more decorative

windows, windows dressings have put more emphasis on the windows themselves. Many windows are lovely enough that they require no dressing at all.

If a softer look is desired, graceful treatments such as balloon shades, swags and lace panels can put color and pattern at the window without hiding the architecture.

Even with elaborately dressed windows, such as traditional drapes with cornices, light can still be allowed to show through, and the beauty of the window itself displayed, by specifying drapes wide enough so that when they are opened, they don't obscure the windows.

Your home's windows are a wonderful way to let in light and bring the beauty of the outdoors inside. As such, they are a key element in a home's design, and must be considered with any changes or improvements.

Real Estate Mailbox

How to obtain a reconveyance

Real Estate Editor:

In 1962 when we purchased our home, we took a small \$3,000 second on the house through the owners. It was done through the Bank of America.

In 1991, we took out a home improvement loan. They found a lien on the property for \$3,000. We were told we had to get a reconveyance.

So far I have gotten in touch with the bank and they don't have any records. They said it was just a convenience for one of their customers.

The people who sold us the home have moved.

The guaranty company that we dealt with is out of business.

I called another guaranty company and they said I need a signed

note from the people we purchased the house from.

How do I get this reconveyance?

Judy Holmes
Albany

It's a shame you're having to track down records from 30 years ago. It's unclear from your letter whether you actually got the loan in 1991. If you did, check with the lender and find out which title company insured it and how it was handled. This information should steer you in the right direction.

If you didn't get the home improvement loan, ask a local title

company or your city planning department for assistance. Good luck.

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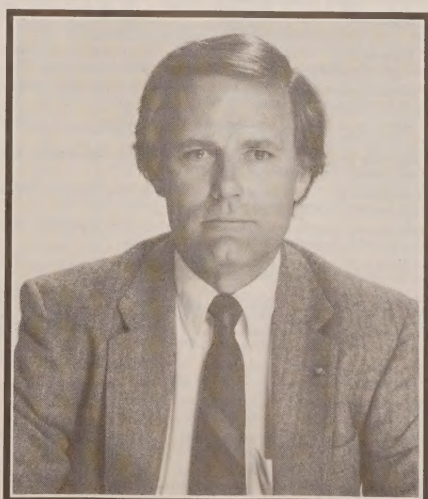


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Buying and selling fixer-uppers a valuable experience

By Karol Menzie and Randy Johnson

Special to Hills Newspapers

We just sold a house we've been working on for several years. People are always asking, how can you work so hard on a house and turn around and sell it?

One of the answers is that we've never quite gotten everything we've wanted into one house — French doors and a roof deck, a whirlpool tub and a tiny iron balcony, a built-in bookcase and eating space in the kitchen...

There's always the next house, which will have just the right space for it all. Maybe.

But there's another reason: The

rehab learning curve. Every house is different. So every time we do a house, we pick up new skills and learn valuable lessons that we can't wait to apply to the next project.

The most recent project was so big that we had to learn to do new things ourselves, to keep rehab costs down. When we discovered that the stair carriages — the zig-zag parts that support the treads — were rotten, Randy learned how to replace them.

Landings rotten

The landings were rotten, too, and he replaced those, without taking out more of the historic ori-

ginal structure than absolutely necessary.

When we needed to open up a shallow, dark, brick addition on the back of the house, Randy perfected his masonry skills, installing a steel beam and steel lentsils. The house was in a historic district, so the original wood facade windows, which were in awful shape, had to be restored, reglazed and replaced in the openings.

Karol became an expert at stripping them down to bare wood and not breaking a single existing pane of glass (old glass has a character that new glass can't duplicate).

It had been a few years since either of us had worked on a project this large, and we learned

what things currently cost. Framing lumber has gotten more expensive, and we think the quality has declined.

We also learned there can be huge price differences in cabinets, appliances and fixtures. It really pays to shop around. Some suppliers will sell to the public at prices closer to wholesale than to retail. Call around for the best deal.

Not all positive

Not all the lessons we learned were positive. The house had been vacant for years, and came with a slew of city housing code violations that, as time went on, caused

increasing problems.

If you become involved in such a property, you should know beforehand that the more violations are involved, the more you will necessarily be involved with the housing-inspection bureaucracy. You may even find yourself on a rehab schedule not of your own making.

If your project goes perfectly smoothly, you should have no trouble meeting whatever requirements the inspection agency demands. But if you run into trouble with time or money, it can be a real hassle. Good intentions do not count.

Whatever your situation with the housing department, and

whether you live in the house or not, it behooves you to be a good neighbor. It won't help you if the neighbors are complaining about garbage noise. Keep sidewalks and lawns clear, and try to end noisy activities by early evening. Show up for snow and sweep up after the molition crew.

That way, if you do run into problems, you'll have neighbors on your side; or at least you'll know you did all the right things.

But really, the most important thing we learned is how much it is to rehab a house. Yes, it's work, and yes, some parts are filthy or tedious, or both.

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5640 Ocean View Dr.	Rockridge Fixer Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174	3bd/1 + Sunroom	\$339,000
6363 Girvin	Piedmont Pines Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 339-4000	3+bd/2 Charming	\$339,000
2995 Burdeck	Joaquin Miller Better Homes, Helen Buty 658-6499	3+bd/3ba Location	\$335,000
817 Alvarado Rd.	Above Claremont Better Homes, Joan E. Hause 339-6160 X-239	2bd Grand Views	\$335,000
5352 Hilltop Crescent	Rockridge Mason-McDuffie, N. Chew 339-8787	3+bd/3ba	\$335,000
251 Monte Vista	Distinction! Mason-McDuffie 834-2010 Lisa Friedman 547-3038	4+bd/2b Views	\$333,000

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10455 Royal Oak	Sequoyah Hills Pacific Union, Georgia Richardson 339-6460	3+bd/3ba	\$329,000
6294 Bullard Dr.	Montclair Charm Mason-McDuffie, G. Boomer 339-9290	2+bd/2 New List!	\$329,000
514 Fairbanks	Gardeners Delight Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174	3bd, 2 Sunrooms	\$329,000
755 Mandana Blvd.	Crocker Trad. Wells & Bennett, Ellen Nicolopoulos 339-9780	3bd/1 1/2 Move In!	\$329,000
5891 Morpeth St.	Upper Rockridge Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460	3bd/2ba	\$329,000
6416 Heather Ridge	Montclair Wells & Bennett, Sandi Klemmer 654-4804	Cozy 3 bedroom	\$328,000
6787 Broadway Ter.	Montclair Mason-McDuffie, G. Millions 339-9290	3bd/2 1/2 + Rumpus	\$319,000
975 Vermont	Lakeside Wells & Bennett, Les Millett 655-0538	3+bd/2 Fam.Home	\$319,000
6100 Taft Ave.	Rockridge Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460	3bd/1ba	\$315,000
3196 Frye	Lincoln Heights Better Homes, Helen Buty 658-6499	Easy Commute	\$299,950
842-8424 Walker	Lakeshore Duplex Winters Real Estate 482-4114, Lois Harris 530-5624	2bd & 1bd Value!	\$299,500
7800 Surrey Lane	Sequoyah Hills Better Homes, Rosemary Greene 339-4000	4bd/3 Fam.Home	\$299,000
7287 Saroni	Montclair Better Homes, Helen Buty 658-6499	4bd/3b Secluded	\$298,000
7033 Thornhill Drive	Split Level The GRUBB Co., Marilyn Watson 339-0400	3+1 1/2 plus Office	\$297,500
2438 Delmer St.	w/Guest Suite The GRUBB Co., Donald Woodhouse 339-0400	5bd/4b Quality	\$297,000
4026 La Cresta	Glenview Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460	3bd/2ba	\$295,000
3982 Norton Ave.	Family Home Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174	3bd with Rumpus	\$289,000
5638 Thornhill Drive	Montclair Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460	4bd/3ba	\$289,000
3700 Balfour Ave.	Crocker Highlands Better Homes, Dell M. Orr 339-8559	3bd Potential!	\$289,000
2829 Burton	Modern Log Cabin Coldwell Banker, Katherine Cooper 339-1174	Sunny Level Lot	\$285,000
723 Santa Ray	Crocker Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846	3+bd/1 1/2 Spl.Lvl.	\$280,000
6040 Valley View	Montclair Pacific Union, Claudia Ellinghaus 339-6460	3bd/1+ba	\$279,500
4101 Lyman Rd.	Oakmore Mason-McDuffie, H. Converse 339-8888	3+bd/2b Location!	\$279,000
5819 Balboa Drive	Montclair Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460	2bd/2ba	\$279,000
4230 St. Andrews	Sequoyah Hills Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 339-4000	2+bd/1b 1/3acre	\$275,000
5800 Pinewood	Montclair Mason-McDuffie, G. Millions 339-9290	3bd/2 Level Yard	\$274,000
4500 Clarewood Drive	Creekside Twnehs The GRUBB Co., Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400	2bd/2 1/2 Upgraded	\$269,000
6660 Heartwood Dr.	Montclair Charming The GRUBB Co., Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400	Spacious 2bd	\$269,000
59 Sereno Circle	Townhome Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197	2bd/2ba SF View	\$267,000
6901 Balsam	Montclair Mason-McDuffie, J. Alford 339-8888	1bd/1ba Starter	\$265,000
4019 La Cresta	Glenview Trad. Better Homes, Carol Cohen 531-4218	3bd Charm	\$260,000
5312 Miles Ave.	Rockridge Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460	2+bd/2ba	\$259,000
4627 Dolores Ave.	Glenview Trad. The GRUBB Co., Sally Morrison 339-0400	3bd Priv.Garden	\$259,000
4127 Waterhouse Rd.	Oakmore Tudor Wells & Bennett, Lee Jacobson 554-5161	2bd Split Level	\$259,000
6217 Merriewood Dr.	Montclair Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460	2bd/1ba	\$255,000
583 Montclair Ave.	China Hill Coldwell Banker, Donna DeBardi 339-1174	4bd/2 1/2 Move In!	\$255,000
6269 Westover Dr.	Huge Reduction Wells & Bennett, Sharan Hammond 839-5846	3bd/2 Location!	\$250,000
5340 Broadway Ter.#309	Rockridge Mason-McDuffie, D. Costella 339-8888	2bd/2ba Elegant	\$249,000
4050 Reinhardt Dr.	Redwood Heights Better Homes, Arthur Macomber 339-4000	3bd/2ba	\$249,000
81 Marlow Drive	Sheffield Village Re/Max in Motion, Marina 569-5555 OPEN 1-4	5bd/2ba	\$245,000
9301 Murillo Ave.	Motivated! Wells & Bennett, Marianne Jamison 655-9615	2bd/2b SunPorch	\$239,900
6348 Heather Ridge Way	Montclair Gadsby & Associates, LaQuida Gray 891-0856	2bd Needs TLC	\$239,000
7110 Homewood Drive	Cozy Contemporary The GRUBB Co., Sally Morrison 339-0400	Deck and Solarium	\$236,000
4101 Banner Ave.	Lincoln Heights Coldwell Banker, Jack Brennen 339-1174	2bd/1b Bay View	\$234,000
245 Covington St.	Sheffield Village Re/Max in Motion, Marina 569-5555 OPEN 1-4	3bd/2ba	\$229,000
557 Mira Vista	Above Grand Ave. Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Lisa Friedman 547-3038	Bungalow	\$225,000
456 Stow Ave.	Lakeshore Fox & Carskadon, Mary Jane McConville 339-8666	3+bd/2ba	\$225,000
3225 Wisconsin St.	Redwood Hts. Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860	Medit. Starter	\$225,000
3875 Loma Vista	Laurel Mason-McDuffie, G. Millions 339-9290	2+bd/1 1/2 Charm!	\$220,000
3945 Canon Ave.	Dimond Atkinson & Gallinatti 763-9901, C. Johnson 530-7118	2+bd/1ba	\$215,500
811 York #303	Upper Lakeshore Better Homes, harriet Schoen 531-2437	2bd/2 1/2 Condo	\$215,000
4224 Lincoln	Lincoln Heights Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000	Charming 2bd/1b	\$215,000
9765 Burgos Ave.	Oakland Hills Mason-McDuffie, J. Resor 339-9290	3bd/2b Bay View	\$214,500
3275 Arizona	Darling Starter Wells & Bennett, Holda Hirschberg 531-6118 OPEN SAT 2-4	2b Detached Gar.	\$209,000
4303 Pampas St.	Laurel Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460	2bd/1ba	\$209,000
841 Paloma Ave.	Crocker Highlands Barry Gilbert Realty 482-3166, Elaine Gilbert 547-4020	2bd/1ba	\$209,000

132 Frieble	Piedmont Ave. Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460	3bd/1ba	\$209,000
3862 Huntington	Traditional Mason-McDuffie, A. Ng 339-8888	3bd/1ba View	\$209,000
3730 Wisconsin	Great Value! Red Oak Realty, Susan 527-3387 X-123 OPEN 2-4	3bd/1b Pano View	\$209,000
4128 35th Ave.	Upper Laurel Wells & Bennett, Diane Earl McCan 531-7000	Charming/Pvt.Yard	\$199,000
2936 California St.	Laurel Fox & Carskadon, Thomas Wurst 339-8666	2bd/1ba	\$199,000
2247 E. 25th St.	Oakland Winters Real Estate 530-8860, Emelda 849-4210 OPEN 12-3	2 units	\$192,000
1216 E. 34th St.	Ivy Hill Better Homes, Alex Bidgoli 339-4000	3bd/2 Huge Yarn	\$179,000
4361 Adelaide	Just Reduced! Mason-McDuffie, Scott Mason 339-8888 OPEN SAT 2-4:30	3bd/2ba	\$179,000
3760 39th Ave.	Laurel Townhomes Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 654-6461 OPEN SAT/SUN 2-5	New 2bd, 2 Story	\$179,000
3906 Delmont Ave.	Mills College Francis McGuigan, Owner 632-1550 OPEN 1-5	3 bedroom	\$179,000
2202 Damuth #3	Dimond Condo Wells & Bennett, Dick Cohen 339-1117	2bd/1ba Fireplace	\$179,000
376 Orange #2	Adams Point Better Homes, Anita Weyl 841-0727	Medit.Townhouse	\$179,000
2487 Rawson St.	Maxwell Park Mason-McDuffie, V. Landes 339-9290	2bd/1 Smart Buy!	\$179,000
547 Alcatraz	New on Market Mason-McDuffie, R. Bittman 339-9290	3bd/1ba	\$169,000
500 Vernon	Executive Condo Gadsby & Associates, Kathy Miller 891-0855	2bd/2ba Pool	\$169,000
3239 Kempton Ave. #9	Condo Tudor Nakamura 848-2724, Diane 526-5273	Artists Setting	\$169,000
3300 Madera Ave.	Maxwell Park Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 530-8211	Immaculate 2bd	\$169,000
2427 38th Ave.	1st Time Open! Better Homes, Steven Jong 339-4000	2+bd/1b Charm!	\$169,000

ALBANY Open Sunday

842 Key Route Blvd.	Office Building Red Oak Realty, Gloria 527-3387 X-118 OPEN 2-4	Near Solano	\$169,000
662 Key Route Blvd.	Albany Acorn Realty 886-3727, Daniel Smith 886-0641	3bd/1 1/2ba OPEN 1-4:30	\$169,000

BERKELEY Open Sunday

5929 Jordan Ave.	Bay View!	3bd Move In!
Nakamura 848-2724, Sachiko 848-4859	OPEN 2-5	
1250 Norvell	Near Green Belt	2bd/1 1/2 Exc. Cond.
Bottom Homes 525-2727	OPEN 2-5	
826 Kearney	New Listing	Charming 2+bd
Red Oak Realty, Marsha 527-3387 X-107	OPEN 2-4	
KENSINGTON Open Sunday		
29 Ardmore Road	Kensington	5bd/2ba
Coldwell Banker 486-1495	OPEN 2-4	
36 Anson Way	Kensington	3bd/2ba
Coldwell Banker 486-1495	OPEN 2-4	
PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2:40 pm		
340 La Salle Ave.	Mediterranean	5bd/3 Rec Room
The GRUBB Co., Jean Simmons 339-0400		
210 Scenic Ave.	Luxurious	3bd/4b Custom
Mason/McDuffie, D. Scott 339-8888		
25 Tyson Circle	Contemporary	4+bd/2 1/2 1st Open
The GRUBB Co., Marcia Nebel 339-0400		
36 Crest Road	Piedmont	4bd/3+ba
Pacific Union, Dee Dee Bonham 339-6460		
7 Tyson Circle	Piedmont	5bd/4ba
Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460		
170 Sandringham Rd.	Stylish Contemp.	3/3 on Cul-de-sac
The GRUBB Co., Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400		
187 St. James	Spacious Home	5bd/3 Bay View
Wells & Bennett, Jaya Bhimani 482-0860		
172 Mountain Ave.	Walk to Havens	4bd/2 1/2 Charming
The GRUBB Co., Donald Grubb, Jr. 339-0400		
316 Howard Ave.	Walk Beach School	3+bd Reduced!
Wells & Bennett, Holida Hirschberg 531-6118		
291 Scenic Ave.	Piedmont	2bd/1+ba
Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460		
124 Lower Grand	Lower Grand	2bd/2 1/4 Value!
Mason/McDuffie 339-9290, R. Marshall 655-6165		